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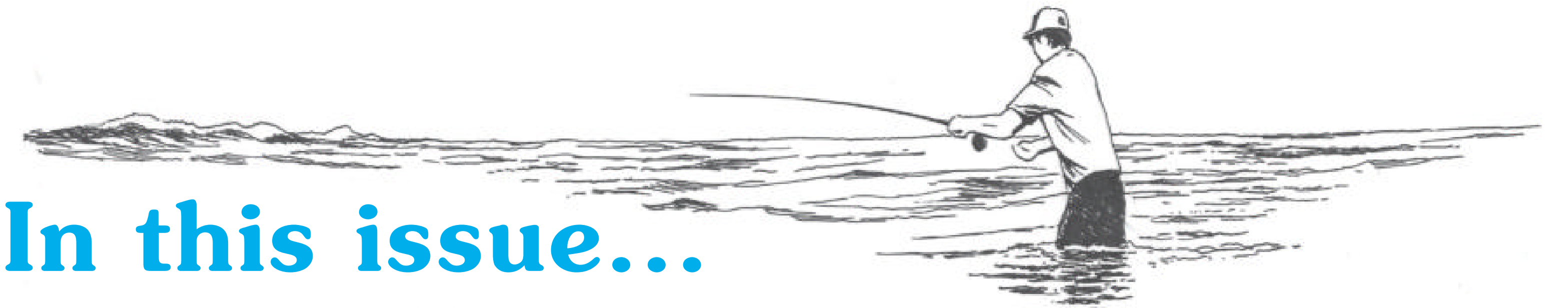

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100-Plus Club News

Sean Terazono · 113.3· April 2022 · O‘ahu

■ From getting a super late start after work, dealing with super strong winds, lights rains, and almost not wanting to go fishing at all, things were not exactly lining up to be a great trip. ‘Discouraged’ would be an understatement to describe how I felt that night. My fishing partner and friend “Ry”/Ryan Ling insisted we push through, and I’m glad we did.

At around 10:30 p.m. we got a little break in the weather giving us just enough time to set up and get the lines out. Around 30 minutes later, while relaxed and sitting down eating a sandwich, *Boooom!* The loud clang of the bell and the scream from the reel, *HANAPAA!*

When my pole went off and line poured out of the reel, my heart raced with excitement. Adrenaline filled my body and the battle was on.

From the beginning I knew it was something *BIG!* I just had no idea what it was, or even how big.

As the fish neared the shoreline and our lights hit the water, we could see a large silhouette just out of the reach of our lights.

My initial thought was “its a shark,” but after a few more boosts from the swells, that chrome we all look for, shone in the surf.

By this point, my entire body felt dead from fighting the fish in the surf. When I was finally able get it to leader, I knew it was mine. With no gaff, grabbing the fish by its gills, and seriously struggling, it was then I realized how big this fish was. I knew it had to be close to 100 lbs. Taking wraps, getting pounded in the surf, and pulling the fish up on the rocks with whatever energy I had left was definitely an adrenaline rush.

The stoke was so real!!!

After the celebratory photos and cheers subsided, we spent 40 minutes in the cold pounding surf trying to bring this magnificent creature back to life. Unfortunately, it was just too exhausted to be revived.

When it comes to ulua fishing, my mission is always to try and release every fish, no matter what size. It’s my way of helping ensure that generations after me will be able to enjoy this same passion and love for fishing. So my heart sank knowing that this giant would not be swimming out to sea to live another day.

This was my first ulua, caught a year earlier. It felt like it weighed over 100-lbs. I was able to catch and release it .

Last year, I was able to catch and release a huge ulua, and it my first big ulua. We were unable to weigh it or measure it it’s length and girth, but it definitely felt over 100 lbs.

From thinking I wasn’t going to fish that night, to catching this 113.3-lb monster as my first ulua of the year, really goes to show never giving up pays off. The memories this fish created for my family, especialy my wife Christine and our children Elli and Ezra, my friends, and me will last forever.

Thank you to my wife for always supporting this crazy passion of mines and always putting up with the times that aren’t so fun for me.

Thank you to my fishing partner Ry for always steadily pushing us to get better and better at what we do. And also for convincing me to fish that night, even when I thought of just giving up.

The love I have for fishing comes from my Papa Milton Terazono. I’m so thankful for everything he has taught me. I would not be the fisherman I am today without him.

As a side note: Drone fishing is what enabled me to catch these two giants, and I’m proud of my achievements. It saddens me to know that the state has banned drones used for fishing. There is a small chance that the state may issue future use permits for drone fishers. Each fisherman needs to do their part to take care of what we love doing.

Complaining alone never solved anything. Rather it’s the actions we take to look out for one another that protects our love for fishing, for today and tomorrow. From the shore to furthest depths of the sea, it’s our responsibility to make sure there’s a healthy future for the fishing industry here in Hawaii. Consider the possiblity that your favorite way to fish could be taken away in the blink of an eye. We can do better.

Mahalo, **. . . Sean Terazono**
Waipahu, O‘ahu

DA NEWS
RECORD TEMPS!
a. tsukamoto

Cover Story: Just A Matter of Time

■ Shore casting for Giant Trevally or what we refer to in Hawaii as ulua is something that consumes a fisherman for decades, chasing that elusive King of the Reef. But for Big Island shore caster Chad Gomes, fishing has always been merely a chance to getaway from his workdays, to just enjoy and relax, cast a rod or two, then slide a bait, and see what the outcome is, whether it be a strike and a landed fish, or even no strikes at all. With this laid-back attitude, being on the cliffs and breathing in the fragrance of the salt air is more than enough to fill him with contentment all weekend.

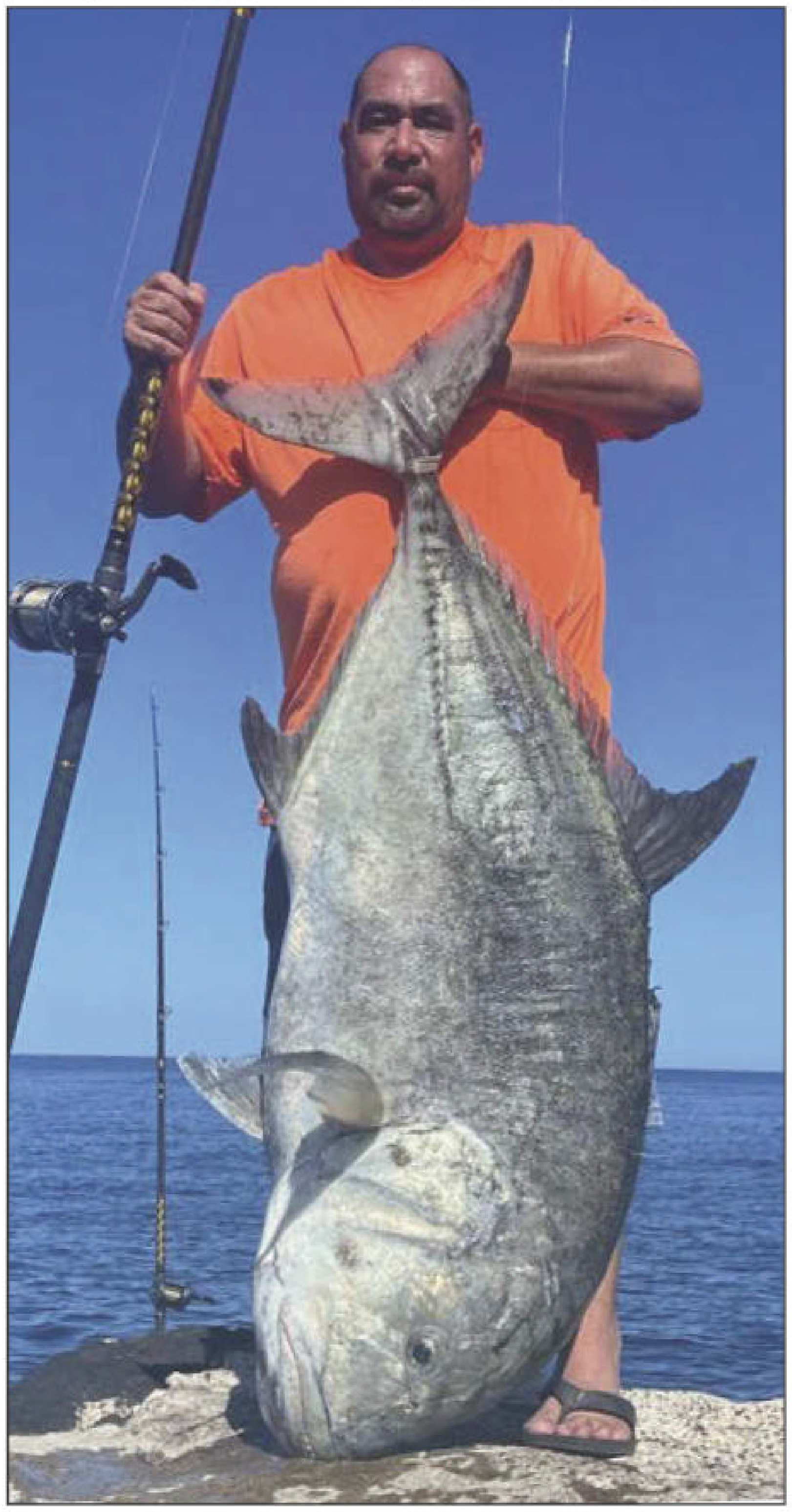
On a Friday in early March, after a hard work week, Chad ventured over to the South Kona shoreline on the Big Island. He joined Rody Dasalla for a weekend of relaxation and some ulua fishing at one of their favorite spots. Since they arrived in the early evening hours, Chad opted not to cast any rods that night and to just sleep in until the next morning, and work the dawn patrol hours.

Waking refreshed after a much-needed rest, Chad decided to cast his Talon custom-wrapped 12’- 6” BCY 061 rod with a Newell 454 filled to the bars with #80-lb Maxima ultragreen monofilament, and proceeded to slide a fresh chilled tako (octopus) downm the line. At 8:47 am, that rod took a strike and Chad quickly grabbed his rod out of it’s PVC holder, knowing that the battle was on!

The first 10 minutes of the battle was basically a stalemate, as Chad could not gain much line back. But the beast on the other end of his line began to tire. Chad soon was able to gain some line back with each boost of his rod.

Another 10 minutes elapsed, and just when Chad thought he had his adversary beat, it got pinned down on the reef below. With some timely advice from Rody, a veteran shore caster in his own right, Chad was able to get the exhausted fish to float to the surface, revealing a huge ulua.

Rody rushed to pole-gaff the fish, and after bringing it up onto the rocks a celebration ensued from Rody. But Chad, being a very laid-back guy, showed no celebration emotions, although believe me he was very excited about what he had just accomplished after 20-plus years of ulua fishing.



Chad Gomes · 108.7 · March 4, 2023 · Hawai‘i

He had fulfilled every shore casters dream of hooking and landing that 100-Plus ulua. After all was said and done, Chad’s ulua measured in at a length of 54 ½” , with a girth of 43” and officially weighed 108.7 lbs.

Yes, it really is an incredible milestone!!!

Many thanks to Rody for all the valuable mentorship and tutelage throughout the years. Congratulations to Chad, for it was definitely just a matter of time before he would hook and land that elusive 100-Plus King of the Reef.

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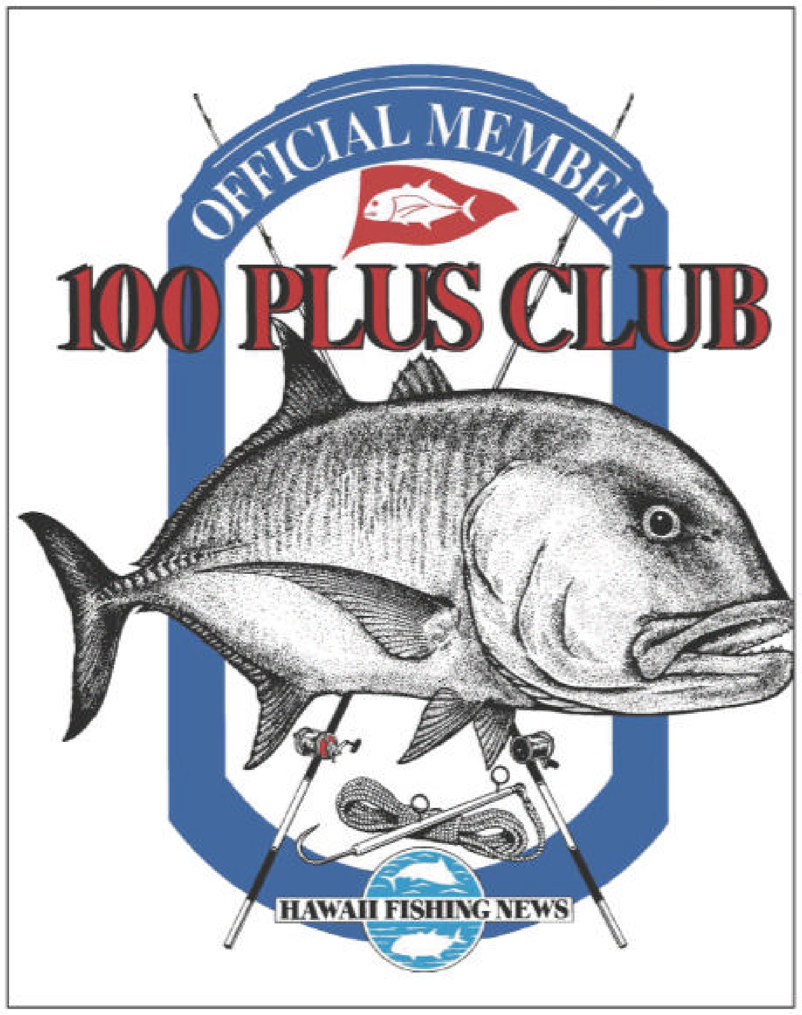

100-Plus Club News

Jeremie Davis · 109· May 2023 · Moloka‘i

■ I noticed on the weather forecast that a nice weekend was coming up, so I texted my usual fishing partner but he said he already had plans. I was bummed, but later that night I get a text from my friend Marshall, asking me if I was planning to go fishing over the weekend. I told him I had been looking for someone to go with, and so the weekend fishing trip was back on!

The next morning was Friday, so before I went to work, I got up extra early and packed my gear, and charged my headlamps and spotlight. I also took out a frozen he’e just in case.

At about 5 p.m., I headed out east to Honouliwai, where you can actually fish off the road because the water is right there. I spent about two hours ther trying to catch bait, but I only could catch a small kupipi.

By the time Marshall and another friend, Willy, showed up, the sun was already down. I told them I only had one bait, but they had also brought some tohei. We sent out three lines. On the left, Willy had one with tohei. I was in the middle with my small kupipi with a *Nitta Live Bait Zip Tie*, and a 20/0 hook that was half the size of the bait! Marshall was on the right with more tohei.

In about 20 minutes, Willy took a small strike that missed the hook. He re-baited his hook and sent it in again. At around 9 p.m., I see my pole jump and then just sink down and start screaming! Never even rang the bell. My old Murata pole with a Torium 50 was being put to the test. I got the fish to turn around, and gained some line on him, but when he took his second run it almost pulled me down to the rocks. I regained my stance and started boosting.

Marshall was at the top of the hill shining the spotlight to keep the fish off the reef on the right. Willy was gaff man and asking if I was okay, because I looked tired. Actually, I almost did tap out, because my arms were like Jello. I could barely hold the pole in my hands. I had my armed wrapped around the pole to boost it because my grip was rubbish already.

Finally, I saw the fish in the waves at about 20 yards out. I turned it on, a quarter-turn at a time on the reel, and gratefully got the fish in. I gave the last boost I had, and with the help of a wave breaking I got the fish on the rocks. Willy was right there to gaff it, and we landed it around 9:45 p.m. I was done. Willy and Marshall had to pull the fish up and drag him to the Jeep. It was a killer one, but I did finally get that *Big Boy!*

. . . Jeremie Davis
Kaunakakai, Moloka‘i

FISHWIFE

Ulua Kaua‘i Style Recipe

by Melissa Bihm

1	can frozen guava juice concentrate
1	16-oz bottle barbecue sauce (Bull’s-Eye Original preferred)
	Salt and pepper
	Ulua, or other white-meat fish (ono, mahimahi), cubed or filleted
2	eggs plus 1 tablespoon water whipped together
1	cup flour
1	can Progresso Italian Style breadcrumbs
1-2	cups vegetable oil (in a pan, heat to medium-high - not too hot)

Preparation

Thaw the guava concentrate in a bowl, then mix it with the barbecue sauce and set aside.

Sprinkle salt and pepper on fish cubes.
Coat the fish in the egg wash, then in the flour, then in the breadcrumbs and then back in the egg wash. Deep fry (or try an Air Fryer) pieces for two to three minutes on each side.

Use the barbecue sauce for dipping.

Maui's Spring Wahine Tournament

by Christina Henline

■ On April 22, 2023 I was blessed with an opportunity to participate in the 2nd Annual Spring Wahine Fishing Tournament out of Ma'alaea Harbor on Maui.

Last year, I had a really lucky run and helped win the tournament with Team *HINATEA* with a 33.5-lb mahimahi. We had to come back to try and uphold our title.

This year the conditions were absolute perfection and a lot more fish were caught overall, making this an exciting event for the crew and 'ohana of the 23 boats that entered.

Tournament organizer Kathleen Birmingham said, "I was stoked on the prizes that were donated and the people who came forward to help. That is a big part of the tournament's success. The *PUALELE* crew helped to cook the food for the banquet, which was delicious and allowed for a lot more prizes this year too… I was so inspired by all of the young kids that participated and were a part of the event, that I want to plan a keiki offshore fishing tournament soon too", she said.

This year I was stoked to fish on the the *MANA* out of Lahaina Harbor, with Captain Kelson Kihe, Captain Chris Cole and a crew of epic humans who included: Jake Atafua, Kim Spack, Marissa Vossen, Jasmine Nagaon, Joana Hermelin and Evan Payne. We left Lahaina Harbor at about 2:30 a.m. with two live opelu that we caught the night before, a fresh Koya lure and two lucky charms - Jasmine and Joana - both first timers on a deep-sea fishing trip! The ocean was a lot calmer than lit was last year, and we were a lot better prepared for a long day of fishing.

As we headed out to sea, way out past Kaho'olawe, I was really enjoying the ocean in those early hours with the stars that seemed extra bright and twinkling, before the sun made its way above the horizon. Not long after, Marissa draped our reels in ti leaf lei that she brought over from Kailua-Kona where she lives.

We came across the biggest bird pile I have ever encountered. It felt like hundreds of birds were surrounding us, soaring and dipping down to the surface in a frenzy.

We all lost it when we got a strike on an XXL Poi Dog Koya Lure on the short corner. "It took 20 yards and came off unfortunately. It just didn't stick! It left a hole in the water", laughed Captain Cole.

In between naps and snacks and getting to know each other, a bunch of bananas were discovered in the cabin. Our first-timer Joana was not familiar with the no-bananas-on-board rule, having come from Raiatea in French Polynesia, and had brought them with her. We decided that we wouldn't be cursed because she came from Tahiti and the curse wouldn't apply to her, but we still got a little anxious. Kim, our experienced wahine angler decided to tie the bunch up to one of the rigger lines to lighten the angst and no joke - not long after she did that, we had two reels running!

We were near MN Buoy behind Lana'i when we hooked up at around 10 a.m. It hit the Slippah first and then it hit the live opelu. I was upstairs hanging with Captain Kihe and practically flew down to the deck when I realized we were on! Kim handed me one of the reels to start the fight and it was non-stop action.

Straight up from her nap, Jasmine grabbed the second pole. "I woke up because I heard the commotion… I was super excited but also nervous. I didn't want to mess up and lose the fish. There was lots of adrenaline crossing back and forth with Tina on the back of the boat", she said.

We were all relieved to be on the board after Jasmine got the first mahi in the boat. Then all the focus shifted to the mahi I was trying to reel in. It felt like a big one! Jake and Kim really helped encourage and direct me when the mahi kept taking line and as it got closer to the boat.

We saw him jump out of the water a bunch of times. It didn't take long for my arms to feel like they were gonna crack, and after a little over two minutes of fighting him, the mahi got close enough to the boat for Captain Cole to make the clean gaff and pull him on deck. I went absolutely crazy with excitement when I saw it - I knew it would give us a good chance in the biggest mahi category. It was a solid, beautiful bull. We were all so stoked.

Lucky for team *MANA*, we did take the biggest mahi category again this year, with our fish coming in at 32.5-lbs. But the real champions of the tournament were the *PUALELE* crew. Not only did they help organize and run one of the best Wahine Tournaments I've ever been to, but they cleaned up in more than one category and took the overall win with a 489-lb marlin! They were an inspiration to all of us and their knowledge of the ocean was clearly evident.

Congratulations to all of the wahine who turned up, the captains and crew who helped us wahine get out there, and to all of the volunteers who made this amazing event possible. I'm sure I speak on behalf of everyone when I say, "We can't wait til next year!"

If you are interested in learning more about this event or becoming involved in organizing and/or sponsoring next year's tournament, reach out to Kathleen Birmingham at (808) 283-4615 and follow <@lanai_rendezvous> on Instagram.

. . . Tina

No Limits to this Son's Pride

by Evan Nishimura

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■ My dad, Richard Nishimura Jr. has been around the sea his whole life. From simple fishing to deep diving catching uluas, marlins, and many other fish around the islands. After adulthood hit and he became a father, fishing took a backseat. It wasn't until 2017 when he rented a house by the ocean that he decided to start fishing again.

My Dad started with a small kayak and a simple setup. Knowing my dad, I knew this was just the beginning, and sure enough he slowly started upgrading his 'watercraft.' He now has an inflatable boat with the best rods and equipment possible so he can after the biggest fish possible, including marlins, mahimahi, 'ahi, and aku.

Dad started sending me pictures of all the fish he caught and sharing a lifetime of stories about all his catches. That is when I suggested he start recording his catches with a GoPro, and maybe even start a YouTube channel. Of course he said no over and over, but then one day he finally agreed. I told my Dad I would start a YouTube channel for him to share his catches, and so we started the *No Limits Fishing Show*.

Since the beginning of his social media presence, what my dad loves most is connecting with people both from Hawai'i as well as fisherman from around the world through his YouTube channel.

He is always excited to share his latest catch and interact with fellow fishermen, whether it be on YouTube or through his local fishing stories, or even while out at sea. He also loves to share the fish he catches with everyone – friends, family and even his neighbors. He loves sharing and making people happy. My Dad always says he doesn't care about what's left for him. Dad enjoys just being out at sea, doing what he loves.

Here is the link to my Dad's YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/@NoLimitsFishing>.

Happy Father's Day! **. . .Evan**

Food, Science and Tradition

by Cassie Pardee, Poseidon Fisheries Research

■ The much-anticipated community coral reef cookbook will be available for free by the end of July! With more than 50 recipes from local lawai‘a across the Hawaiian Islands, this cookbook was a true community effort. But this isn’t your average cookbook. This is a cookbook for sustainable fishing, combining traditional Hawaiian uses with marine science.

Aside from ono recipes, the book includes information on more than 30 commonly caught coral reef species. Things like a fish’s size at reproduction, maximum age, and ecosystem function are combined with fishing regulations, state catch records, and descriptions of traditional Hawaiian uses and preparation for each species. And to make it even more interesting the book has beautiful underwater fish photos from local photographers to help with fish identification.

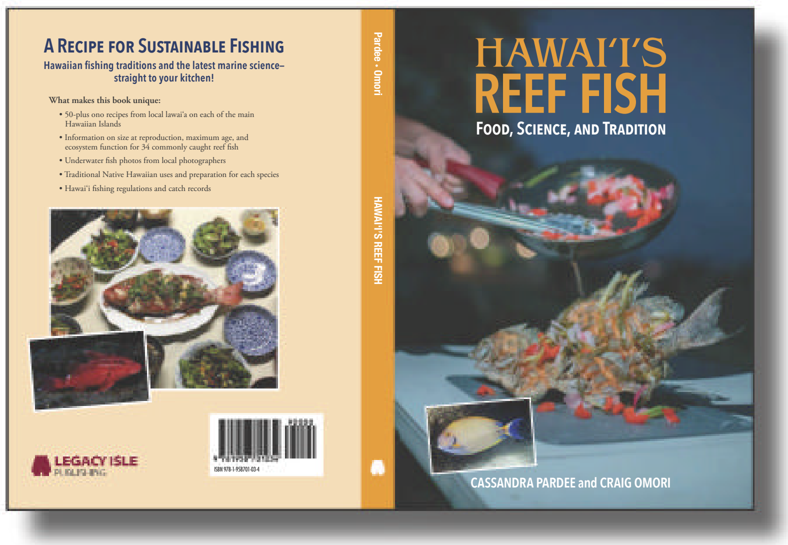
This cookbook can be a resource for new and seasoned fishers alike. Those new to fishing can use it to learn what species and sizes of fish to target to fish pono, while the saltier among us may find information on other fish they have never targeted before.

Did we mention that it’s free?! This cookbook was made possible through a NOAA Marine Education and Training Grant, so the first 500 copies are free and will be available at several fishing stores by the end of July.

There will also be a free downloadable version on our website: <www.poseidonfisheries.org>. With this book, you can feel confident in knowing you’ve caught the right fish and that you can turn it into a great meal.

If you have a favorite recipe and would like to have it considered for our next coral reef cookbook, email me <cassie.pardee@pfr.fish> or message us on Instagram or Facebook <@poseidon.fisheries>.

. . . Cassie



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A Marlin Sent from Above

by Angel Melone

■ April 22nd was an early morning. We arrived at the harbor and began loading the boat with coolers of ice, food for the day, poles, all the lucky lures, and team *PUALELE*: Kalei Luʻuwai, Mogul Luʻuwai, Kawaikaunu Luʻuwai, Pohai Kaikala, Kanoe Pacheco, Wahinehula Kaʻeo and Angel Melone. On this brisk morning, the load-up was fairly quick as we wanted to launch as soon as we could. It was a kukolu moon and dark as we left Maʻalaea Harbor. The winds began to turn on just outside the harbor as we set out, most likely welcoming other captains to fish towards Lanaʻi side. Pualele started the day following a southern route.

The first fish on was the mahimahi and it hit just after dawn, after losing the bull at gaff. The sun, rising higher into the sky, began to peak a huge beam of light behind Haleakala, illuminating the back of *PUALELE*. A bit later we took our first ono strike and Hula landed it. Another strike later, both Pohai and Hula had brought in two beautiful onos.

As the day continued, so did the fish, the jokes, and the gratitude for this time together. Being Earth Day, we all took a moment to appreciate the environment and the ocean that continually provides and feeds us in all realms of life: physically, mentally, and spiritually.

We encountered some bird piles and just when a solid shut-eye moment was approaching, the type where you look at the brightness in the sky and the colors start to blend together, the pole screamed again. We would soon discover that it was another ono. Hula jumped on the pole and began to reel this huge one in, this would end up being the ono that placed.

Stoked on the fish that were already on the boat some of us were deep in conversation, laughing, and joking, when not even an hour later, Kawai saw the marlin come through the set in a wave, checking out the center and the outrigger. The fish turned its head to the port side and took off with the outrigger, the pole screamed its final scream of the day. This pitch got us all excited, as we knew this could be "the one".

Kanoe, jumping into action, began this unforgettable fight. Hooked in a good spot and probably due to the fish's large size, the fish did not jump but it sure did fight. This marked the beginning of a 45-min battle, where each of the wahine on *PUALELE* took turns on the golden Penn 130 till their arms began to tingle with the legendary feeling that their arms would soon fall off. Pohai took over after Kanoe, followed by Angel, then Hula. Each of us had to time the reeling with the wave movement and when there was slack in the line. We cheered each other on like no other, laughing but also feeling the adrenaline of everyone and the need to stay focused to land this huge fish.

The pursuit to secure this massive marlin was a test of *PUALELE*'s solid teamwork abilities, yet the smiles from ear to ear on every one of our faces remained the whole time. All of us, except Captain Kalei lined up on the back of the boat to secure the fish once it was reeled into the boat.

The challenge was to do it quickly for one wrong move and this fish could still be forever lost to the unforgiving thousand-fathom-deep ocean below. Simply put, there really is no life experience comparable to trying to put a rope on the tail of a 489-pound fish's flopping tail in its final moments.

With no time to be scared, all the wahine assisted with securing down the portion of the fish that fronted them to the back of *PUALELE*.

Arguably this was the hardest part.

A slight lean off the back of the boat, and you could see this marlin's fist-sized iridescent light blue eyes reflecting all kinds of colors, and its large body extending the entire length of the boat.

After the fish was secured, we headed directly back into the harbor, and to the scale. When we put the marlin in the back of the truck its body extended out of the truck bed and the tail was almost the entire width of the truck.

It took a moment for us to realize that this was the most solid fish to land and the end of a perfect day on the water. We all began to cheer, hug, and kiss each other.

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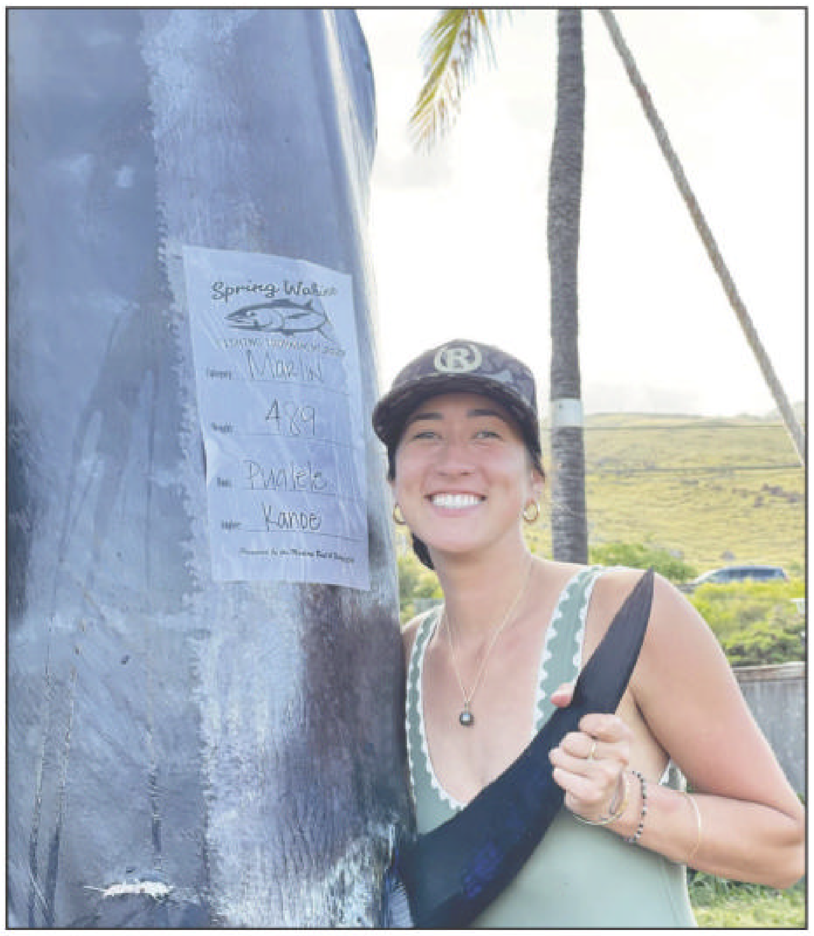
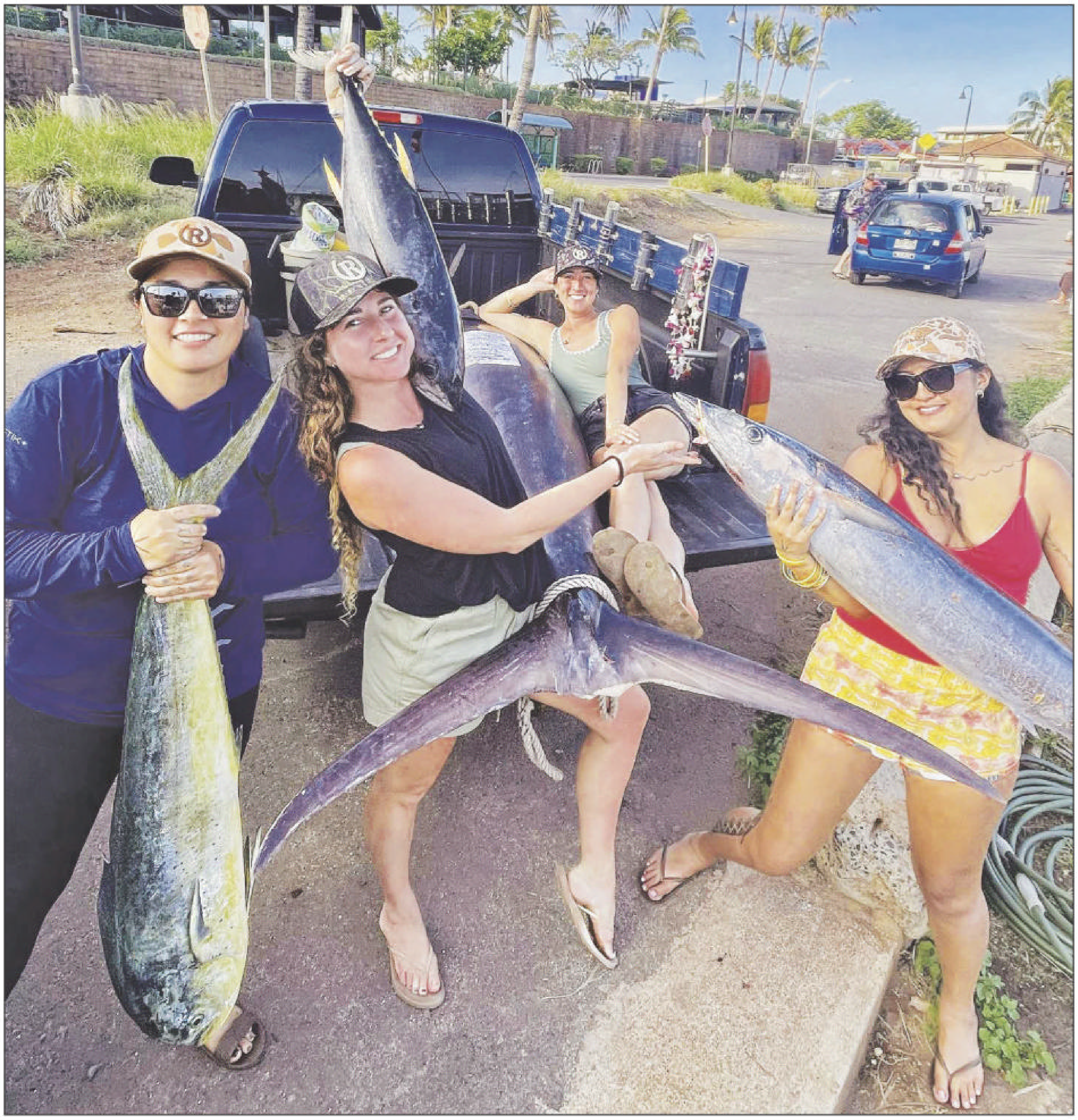
It wasn’t until we got back to Ma‘alaea harbor, and to the hoist that one could truly appreciate the massive size of this fish. Tourists began to surround Kawai and Mogul as they hoisted the fish up into the sky, some asking questions others just jaw-dropped.

Mahalo nui to all the sponsors, those who donated to the 2023 Spring Wahine Tournament, Kathleen Birmingham the Lu‘uwai ‘ohana, the Rowdy Outdoors (@rowdyoutdoors) crew and everyone whose kokua made this tournament an unforgettable experience. As we remember this unforgettable marlin and day fishing, we also remember those we love who have passed on and who were with Pualele in spirit to make sure we landed this fish and came home safely.

. . . **Angel**





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■ Pouring rain greeted us at the launch on Big Island's windward side around 4:30 AM. It was so cold and wet that my buddy and I considered canceling the trip altogether, but after a half hour or so, the rain stopped and we got our kayaks and gear situated and headed out offshore (for those interested, I use a Hobie Revolution 13). The game plan was to hunt for opelu (mackerel scad) to use as live bait for pelagic predators such as ahi, ono, and mahimahi. However, the bait were particularly picky this morning, and in spite of having a fish finder screen full of bait, I was only able to hook and land a single opelu by the time the sun peeked over the horizon.

I immediately hooked the silvery baitfish onto my 44-lb stainless steel wire stinger rig and let it swim out about 150 feet behind my kayak and started slowly trolling around, hoping to find the bait ball again. After an hour or so of searching, I finally saw the bait again on my tiny Garmin Striker 4's screen and noticed tons of lines running through the school that I figured must be some hunting pelagics. I pedaled past the school a bit to get my opelu over the school and it was immediately hammered by a shibi shi (juvenile yellowfin tuna). After putting up a great fight for its size, the 18-lb shibi gave me a good chance to get my kage in. I landed, dispatched, and bled the tuna before resuming the hunt for more opelu.

TAIL TALES
A. TSUKAMOTO

This 18-lb shibi put up a great fight for its size.

It didn't take long to find an enormous bait ball again, and after some frantic jigging with my sabiki rig I was able to land my second bait for the day. This one was around 12 or 13 inches, so my stinger rig looked pretty small on it but I figured, "big bait, big fish right?"

As soon as I sent bait #2 out, it started frantically kicking and pulling line from the secondary drag on my Penn Spinfisher VI 8500 Liveliner. I knew something must be checking the bait out, so I fed out some line and slowed my pedaling. Less than a minute later, I could feel the thump of something grabbing the bait and line started peeling off of my reel. As soon as I engaged the main drag, the fish on the other end took off in a long, blistering run with the telltale insane speed of a large ono.

When the line suddenly went slack, I was even more certain that I was dealing with an ono, as this is a classic move where they run straight back at you. I cranked like mad to get my line back and keep tension on the fish, knowing that at any moment the hook could simply fall out of the ono's bony jaws. After what felt like forever, I was relieved when I finally felt tension on the other end as I caught up to the fish.

At this point, the ono did something that I've rarely seen; it started diving straight down to the bottom, pulling line slow and steady from my reel and putting a crazy bend in my Ugly Stik Tiger Jigging rod. The sheer weight of it was unlike anything I've ever felt when fighting an ono, so I was starting to question what I'd even hooked into!

After pulling out all the line that I'd gained back and more, the fish finally seemed to tire out a little and I was able to start gaining a tiny bit of line back with each pump of the rod and crank of the reel. Thirty minutes into the fight, I finally saw the FG knot marking my 80 feet of 40-lb Sakura flurocarbon topshot.

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Looking down, I finally saw a glimmer of silver that confirmed I was at least dealing with a fish! As the fish neared the surface, I was amazed to see a monstrous ono circling under my kayak! After some tense maneuvering, I was able to sink both my kage and hand gaff into the fish and haul it onto my lap. After brain spiking and bleeding the monster, I realized there was no way it was going to fit in my 42-inch Hobie cooler bag. With the fish on my lap, there was no way to use my pedal drive, so I accepted my fate and pulled out my backup paddle and started the long, slow journey back to the launch. Luckily, it started pouring rain at this point and it helped keep both myself and the fish cool until I got back to shore.

The fish later weighed in at 73-lbs on my bathroom scale and I had to borrow my friend's Yeti 250 to chill it overnight. - big mahalos, Gordon! Also, a big thanks to my fishing buddy for the day for "chajin um" with me through the ugly weather, and a special thanks to braddah Danny for the photos of the fish back at the launch! Here's a link to the video I published about this trip too: <https://youtu.be/7MHTlmreuuQ>.

. . . Shea Uehana
Hilo, Hawai'i

BICH's Top Water Throwdown II

By Duane Nakano

Top Water
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MAY 19, 2023-MAY 21, 2023
BIG ISLAND HUI Casting

■ The Big Island Casting Hui's Top Water Throwdown II, the Super Bowl of Hawaii's plugging tournaments where the top elite shorecasters from around the world come to test out their skills in the waters off of the big island of Hawaii.

This year's top finalists all came from the Puna coastline with the second place ulua coming in from Kapaau. We encouraged every angler to consider feeding families & kupuna with their catch, knowing that when we get old and cannot go holoholo anymore, we would be grateful to the younger generation providing for us. This is what we learn from our local culture. So let's *Malama da kupuna*, live pono & do what our culture teaches us. No matter if you are Hawaiian or not, this is our home that we share together.

Next year we want to encourage more entrants from off island too, as we try to build a global community of Hawaiian anglers.

Big mahalo to all the contributors, for without you this tournament wouldn't be possible. Check them all out and show them much love and aloha:
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And thank you *HAWAII FISHING NEWS* for all the years of dedication to our fishing community.

The TOPWATER THROWDOWN II was a big success! Congratulations to all the finalists, and it looks like everyone had a blast!

. . . Duane

Tournament Results

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1st	**Chris Kahookaulana**	**36.4-lb**
2nd	**Christopher Lewis**	**26.5-lb**
3rd	**Joshua Kahookaulana**	**24.4-lb**

'Omilu

1st	**Elijah Ahn-Simpson**	**15.3-lb**
2nd	**Joshua Kahookaulana**	**14.0-lb**
3rd	**Kahana Itozaki**	**10.8-lb**

Other (barracuda)

1st	**Chaysten Nakano/Domen**	**2.5-lb**

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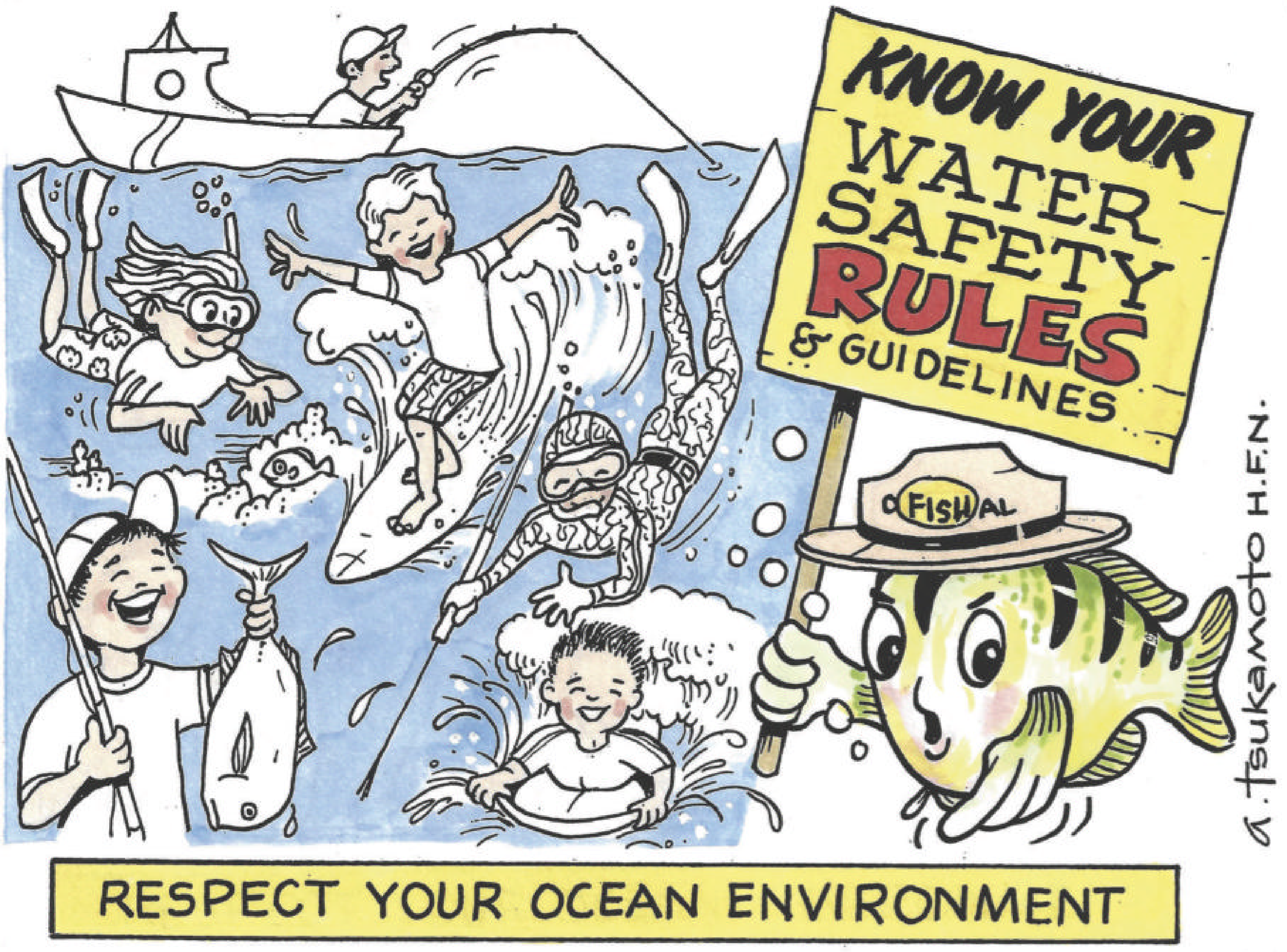

Inshore Boating Courtesy

■ Aloha, *HFN* Readers:

I spend most of my time along the North Kohala coast and over the last twenty some years I have noticed more and more the total disrespect of boaters in what I call *the convergence zone*. This is the area that goes from the shore and then out about 150 yards.

Lately, I see too many people running their boats and other speedy vessels *wide open*, parallel to the beach, with total disregard for people that have a very low profile such as swimmers, snokelers, divers and canoe paddlers.

Over the past twenty years I have known of only a couple of fatalities in the Kohala area due to vessel strikes, which is two too many!

All low profile vessels and people should tow a flagged warning devise to alert other vessels of their presence. All vessels should run well offshore while running to your fishing and diving grounds, and upon arrival, run straight in, perpendicular to the shore at a safe navigational speed. This should be the same upon egress.

PS: This goes for all of the jet-ski operators also.

Respectfully submitted,
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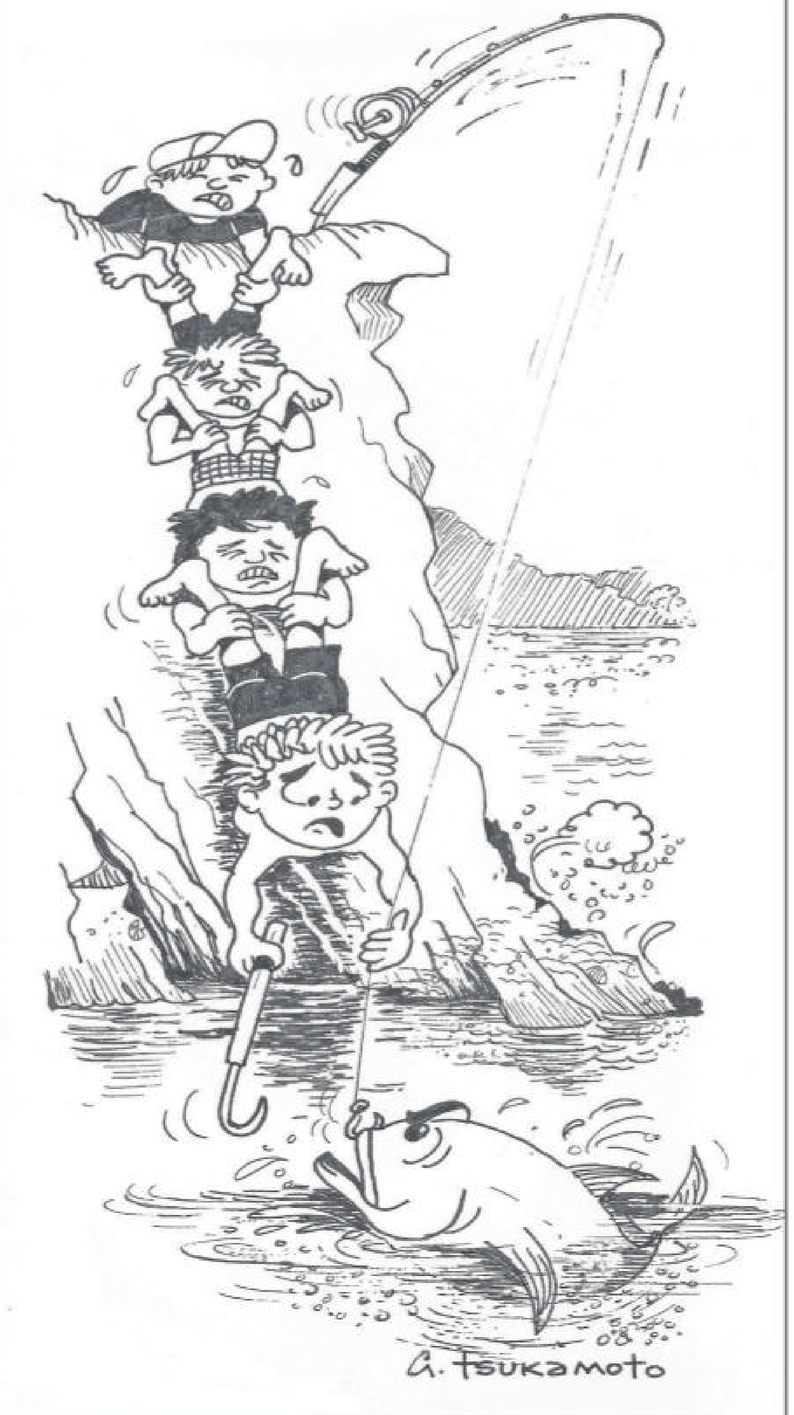

DLNR Dispatches

■ Local citizens continue to step up to report potential resource violations to DLNR's Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement (DOCARE).

A tip on Friday, May 26 led DOCARE officers to Ala Moana Beach Park where they observed a fisher in possession of a small-eye throw net with a mesh size less than two inches. Officers found the throw net contained approximately 287 small sardines.

The Ewa Beach resident was issued a citation for illegal throw nets. The net was seized as evidence and the sardines were returned to the ocean. His court date is set for June 30, 2023.

Small-eye throw nets are commonly used for catching bait fish. Recently, there have been multiple complaints about suspected illegal fishing practices at Ala Moana Beach Park.

Last month, with assistance from concerned citizens, O'ahu Branch DOCARE officers confiscated more than a dozen small-eye throw nets and recovered more than a dozen illegally laid or undersized gill nets.

"Mahalo to community members for providing extra sets of eyes and ears and alerting us to suspicious activity regarding our cultural and natural resources," said DOCARE Chief Jason Redulla. "Without their help many violations might go unnoticed, and offenders would continue to do harm."

Suspected natural and cultural resource violations can be reported via the statewide dispatch number at (808) 643-DLNR (3567) or sent anonymously through the DLNRTip app.

All individuals cited are innocent until proven otherwise in a court of law. Please do not attempt to try cases on social media, as comments can be used against someone alleged to have committed a crime, and are often personally hurtful, untrue, or unfair. **. . DLNR**

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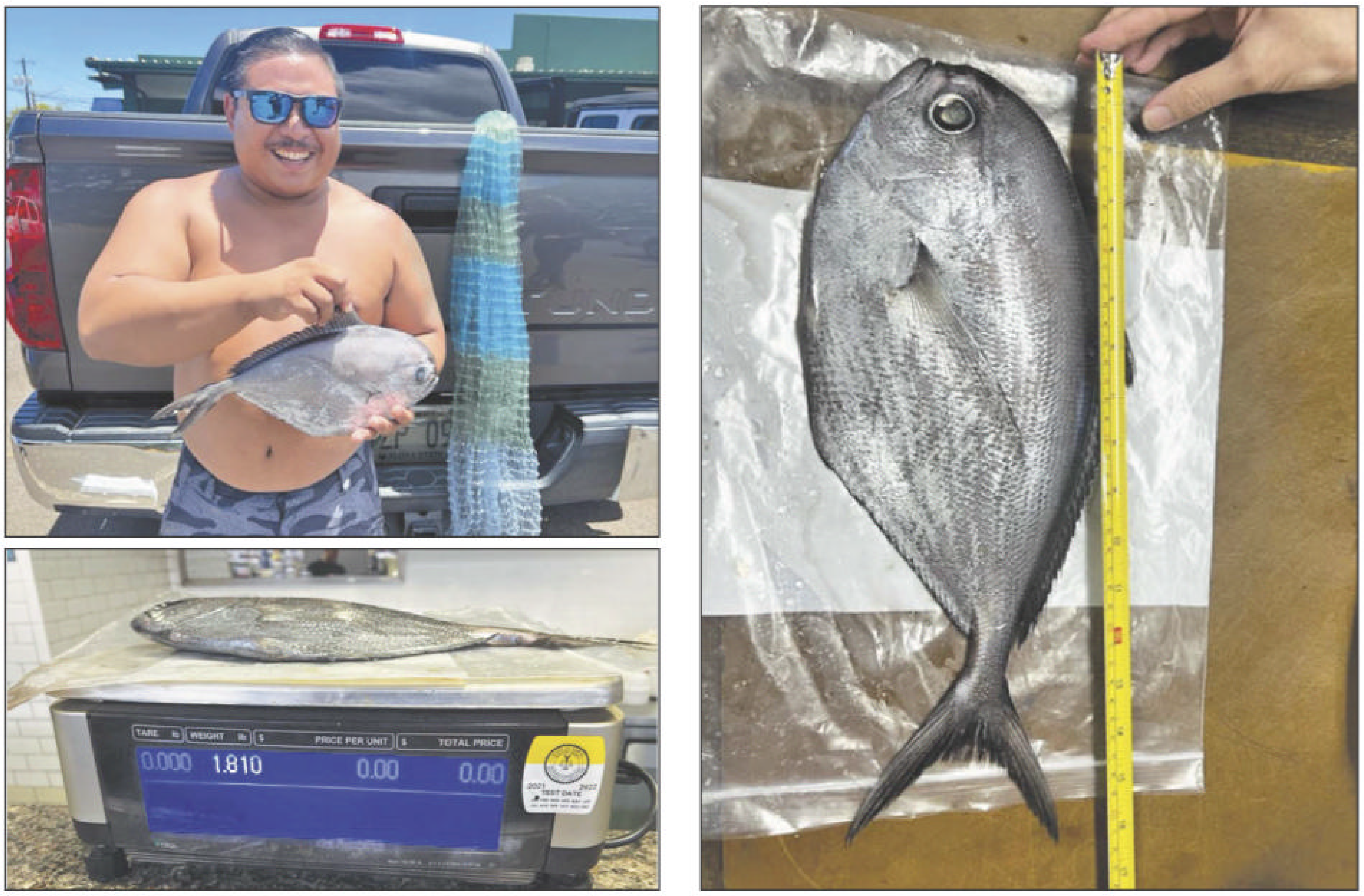
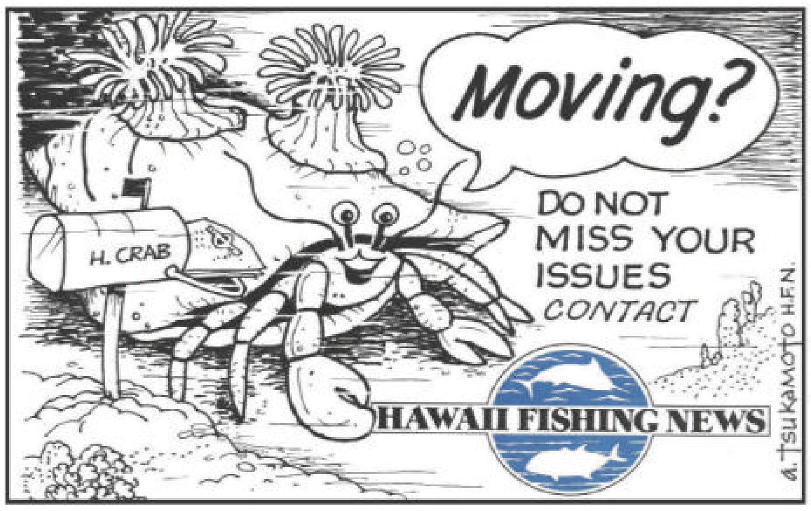


1.81-lb Monchong (Sickle Pomfret)

■ I was born and raised into a fishing family on the island of Kauai. I've done a lot of different types of fishing, from boat fishing, trolling, to bait casting from the shore, spearfishing, and I do also include throwing net. I've most recently been throwing net a lot more.

My uncle makes throw nets and so I've been using his traditional hand sewn throw nets to catch fish, and to practice the traditional ways of Hawaiian style fishing. The art of patience and endurance, catching fish with a cast net is challenging, tiring and also very connecting with the ocean.



My personal values and approach to fishing, especially on the islands of Hawaii, is to always include giving back to the ocean. Whether that is cleaning up or just giving back to the ocean by taking care of the reef. Also, not only to the ocean but to give back to the community. For example, when I catch more fish than I expect to, I keep some fish for myself and give the rest to the kapuna in the neighborhood.

Giving back is the biggest thing about the 'old style' traditional fishing in Hawaii. I find that when we give back to the community, we always are blessed in some way and sometimes that is realized with a good catch next time… at least that's what I've noticed.

The day before I caught this variety of monchong, I went to throw net in Poipu, and got over 150 aholehole. I bagged and kept what I knew I would eat and gave away the rest to the community including people that I knew couldn't go out and catch it themselves.

The next day, we went out for a beach day at Anini and to my surprise what thought to be a nenue at first, was this monchong.

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Newest State Records

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I had gone walking on the reef looking for some nice nenue or kala to throw on the grill. I saw a fish which to me looked like a nenue. I set my net up and threw it, and to my surprise it looked at first like either a menpatchi papio or even a kagami. I didn't think to much of it and kept fishing, looking for any nenue.

After getting to my truck, I took the fish out of my bag and was super confused and amazed at how this fish looked. What type of fish was it?

After doing some research and asking around, to my amazement I had caught one of two varieties of "monchong," which is a super deep water fish. I've been fishing for about 20 years and never seen or heard of that kind of fish. Even after spearfishing for about 14 years, I never came across one. Can't wait to cook this up and see how it tastes.

. . Peter Same
Hanapepe, Kaua'i

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3.92-lb Kalekale

■ Late in May, I caught this 3.92-lb kalekalet on a 100-lb leader with a sardine bait. I was actually targeting opakapaka at around 90 fathoms, just outside of Mahukona.

That is my son Caleb Taga holding the fish, at 4 years old. I caught the kalekale with a 5'6" deep dropper rod made by Frigate Sales, in the 80-100 lb class. The reel was my Tiagra 50w with an Eliott electric conversion, spooled with 200 lb line.

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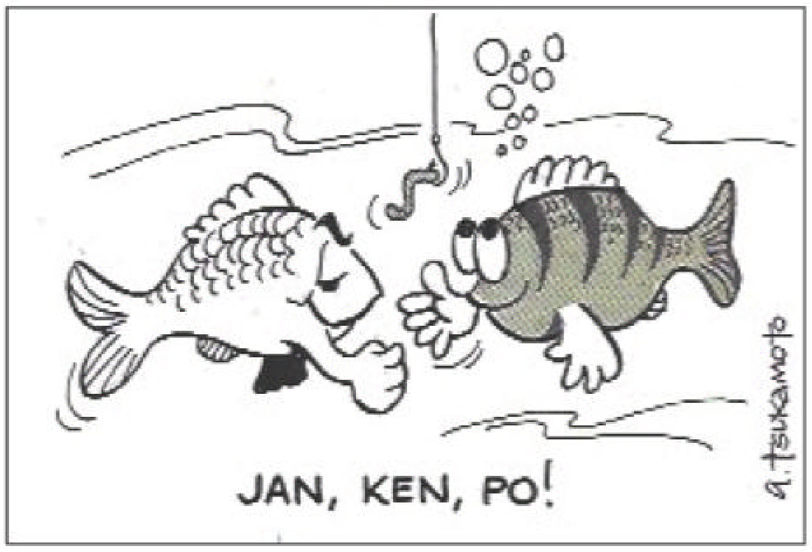

H.I.B.T. Plans Two 2023 Summer Tournaments

by Hawaiian International Billfish Tournament

■ Returning to Kona in 2023, the Hawaiian International Billfish Tournament (HIBT) is making plans for two summer tournaments. The 61st HIBT is set for August 5 through 13, 2023 with five days of fishing set for Monday August 7 through Friday, August 11. Teams and anglers from around the world are expected to return to Kona to experience the tradition of marlin fishing aboard some of Kona's top charter boats, all with the chance of winning the HIBT.

Founded in 1959, the Hawaiian International Billfish Tournament's iconic status has evolved throughout the fishing world to become the prestigious tournament it is today. This five-day tournament built on prestige, trophies and strict International Game Fish Association rules for big game fish world records does not include cash prizes. The Hawaiian International Billfish Tournament has attracted a worldwide fishing audience including teams from Australia, Bermuda, British Isles, Fiji, Ireland, Japan, Kenya, Korea, Papua New Guinea, New Zealand, South Africa, Tahiti and many states including California, Florida, North Carolina and Hawaii. More recently, the Tournament has welcomed new teams from China, Russia, Portugal, Singapore. This year, HIBT looks forward to welcoming teams from around the world back to Kona.

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The 2023 Inaugural Four Flag Tournament

Be a part of this great Kona fishing tradition as it returns in 2023 and then help make history. Register for this light tackle tournament, a Four Flag Tournament set for Wednesday, August 2 through Friday, August 4, 2023.

The new HIBT Four Flag Tournament is a light tackle, 30 lb test line, fishing tournament focusing on four species of marlin, ahi, mahi mahi and ono. Tournament participants are encouraged to select HIBT charter boats or their own local vessels.

Local Hawaii game fishing clubs are especially invited to participate in this new tournament. For more information or to register for the new HIBT Four Flag Tournament, please email <hibt@hawaii.rr.com.>.

Get all the details on the Hawaiian International Billfish Tournament, including complete team registration forms, IGFA world-record fishing rules and a look at previous tournament winners, log onto <www.hibtfishing.com>. **. . . HIBT**

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Hilo Seawatch

by Craig Severance

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Proud staff celebarating at S. Tokunaga's 103rd Anniversary.

Hilo Trollers News

■ Hilo Trollers June regular monthly tournament is/was scheduled for Sunday June 11th. weather permitting. Remember, there are no longer postponements. If a tournament is cancelled due to small craft advisories, that's it for that month. Also, the prizes have been simplified and are larger. Membership forms and tournament registration forms are available at S. Tokunaga Store and have been mailed to last year's members. Membership forms and registration forms for the June tournament are/were due by 4:00 P.M. on Friday, June 9th at Tokunaga's, or at the Trollers Tent at the ramp (drive up) between 4:30 and 6:00 P.M. We anticipate that the results from this tournament will be posted in The July Hilo Seawatch. Hope for good weather, and safety must come first!

Instead of a July regular Trollers Tournament the July Tournament will be an open Jackpot Tournament to honor the late Allan K. Okuda, a long term troller, and former "Fisherman of the Year" and President. Entry fees are $200, and will be cash only, and all entry fees go back to the 3 boats catching the 3 largest fish. You don't have to be a Trollers member and no fish caught will count toward Trollers year end awards. We anticipate a good turnout for this one and it will run with Trollers' support, tournament control and weigh-in. We will ask for fish donations to support the HCC Culinary Program which Allan used to run. He knew how to fish and how to cook fish! His Ono bones were famous for being "Ono"!

The Trollers share a number of perpetual trophies for largest fish, most Opala, and a service award called the Weighmaster Award honoring former long term Weighmaster Dave Raabe. This Year the trophy goes to Mike Tokunaga who has always been a generous supporter of the club. He still holds the club record for Largest ever Ahi: 275 lbs!

For further information on the Hilo Trollers, contact Matt Castro at (808) 598-2465; Craig Severance at (808) 935-1734, (808) 640-1670, or by emailing <severancecc@gmail.com>, or Carl Shioji at (808)-959-4038.

Mike Tokunaga receiving the Weighmaster Award for Service to the Hilo Trollers.

You may also get current information by emailing <HiloTrollersFC@gmail.com>, visiting our website at <www.tinyurl.com/hilotrollers> or following @Hilotrollers on Instagram.

S. Tokunaga Store Anniversary

Tokunaga's had been planning a large anniversary celebration to recognize 100 years of service to the community for some time, but with Covid that celebration had to be deferred until Saturday, April; 29th which became their 103rd Anniversary. There was an incredible turn out with lines outside and along the building along with display tents in the parking lot. Folks were being shuttled in from the Civic parking lot and the big parking lot next door was full. There were wonderful door prizes and prizes for keiki, and a great time was had by all. They estimate that over a thousand people came by to recognize and honor the Tokunaga family business that serves fishermen, their families, hunters, and ocean users of all kinds.

17th Annual Tokunaga Ulua Challenge

The Long Awaited Ulua Challenge is also back after being cancelled for Covid, and with pent-up demand, I feel safe in predicting that this may be the largest one ever. This tournament is very well organized and even late entries were due May 19th. By mid may, there were over 600 entries.

This is probably the largest and best organized shoreline tournament in the state. The weigh-in, which always draws an enthusiastic crowd is from 11:00 to 1:00 P.M. with awards after on Sunday June 11 at the Afook-Chinen Civic Auditorium on Manono St. This tournament also supports conservation and citizen science with a tagging program and a barbless circle hook division.

If you are fishing in this tournament or in the June 11th Trollers tournament then good luck and tight lines. If you aren't fishing in either, you can still "catch a double" by showing up at the Civic for Tokunaga's by 11, and then dropping by Suisan by 3:00-3:30 when the Trollers' boats start coming in!

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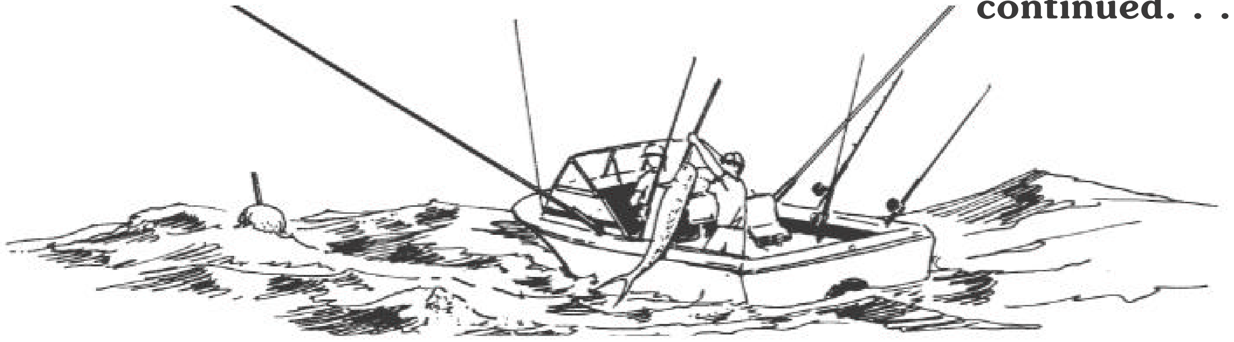

Hilo Seawatch ... continued

Bottomfish Catch Tracking

Jason Helyer, HDAR Staff and Council Scientific and Statistical Committee member has just posted updates on bottomfish catch tracking for the deep 7 and for Uku, both of which have an ACL (Annual Catch Limit) or quota. For fishermen, the news is good! The Deep 7 bottom fish (I like to call them the "Magnificent 7) have a commercial ACL and require trip reporting within 5 days of any trip. There is a bag limit for non-commercial fishermen. The Deep 7 season starts every September 1st and ends on August 31st to accommodate the cultural desire and demand for these magnificent and tasty fish over the winter holidays.

As of the month of April, 8 months into the current season we are roughly at 35% of the ACL and that tracks closely with last year and the 5 year average commercial catch. The Stock assessment folks did listen to bottom fish fishermen before conducting the stock assessment that led to the current ACL so to me that means the fish are being well managed under the current regime and could withstand more effort. Prices could increase too as tourism rebounds because these are prime fish for regional cuisine, as well as being prime fish for sharing with family and friends in ways that contribute to community solidarity and in ways that often crosscut ethnic ties.

If you do fish for and catch these magnificent fish, and have a commercial marine license, please report accurately, including any lost fish and predation or please abide by the bag limit of 5 fish per person if you are non commercial.

Uku is managed under a different ACL and an annual season that begins on January 1st and runs until December 31st. As of April 30th, one third of the way into the 2023 season the commercial catch of Uku had reached roughly 6% of the quota, and that can mean many things. Effort may be down, but the summer season is still ahead, The Uku population may or may not be affecting the catch rates, and there may be more targeting of the Deep 7 by bottom fishing. To track the Uku Population trend you need to consider CPUE: "Catch Per Unit of Effort". That will be done yearly to monitor and assess the Uku management regime.

Other News of the Hilo Coast

We've had a quite good Ono run with boats picking up a few outside Hilo but more fish coming up at the point. A few boats have overnighted "Down the Pali" thus catching the morning bite, and the afternoon bite, and getting large enough catches to trigger an effort increase with more boats going out. Try fast trolling by zigzagging along the 40 fathom curve with heavy metal jets and fish or ika colors. Keep those lures close to and under your propwash! Save your good resin jets for Ahi offshore and avoid those "Ono" tasting Ono chompers!

There have been some Ahi coming up, as many daytime as nighttime. A few fish have been in the 150-180 lb. range. The height of the Ahi Summer trolling season is generally June and July and a bit into August. That's why the major tournaments are scheduled in those months! There should also be some Marlin and Mahimahi around to round out the "special" pelagic flag fish. Marlin will take jets, but sometimes pushers and plungers work well, especially in the short corners. Bridled Aku and small Ahi work well for Larger Ahi and Marlin. Bridled or rigged Opelu work well for Mahimahi and Ono, especially around Ocean Opala. For fast trolling for Mahi, use smaller lures 7 and 9 inch resin or metal jets in fish or Malolo colors.

Shore fishing should be a bit safer with fewer unexpected swells, but always be on the lookout and go with a buddy. The late great Mike Sakamoto used to carry a lifesaving floater and rope when he shorefished! Whipping with flashbombs and flies or grubs should be good for Menpachi and Aweoweo when the moon is right, and a partial moon makes it safer on the rocks and cliffs.

The Ulua come inshore in June and July and I'll hazard a prediction for some "Big Boys" in the Tokunaga Ulua Challenge. Dunking with cut bait can work from the cliffs or from a boat. If you are in a boat you don't need to get too close, there are still plenty of those tasty reef fish around structure in 20-30 fathoms! I've been experimenting with homemade damashi in silvery mixed fish colors with heads and eyes. They seem to work well and avoid those tasty but tough to clean Hage. Stay safe out there and keep on fishin! **. . . Craig**

Archive from 2012: Capt. Victor Gonzales and crew of the *JANA G* with their winning 522-lb marlin.

Hilo Trollers Board of Directors working hard to get the the first 2023 tournament planned and coordinated.

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Archive from 2012: Sandy Hirono with his trio of great fish.

2023 PUBLIC MEETINGS NOTICE

■ The Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council announces the following public meetings on fisheries management in offshore waters of Hawaiʻi (HI), American Samoa (AS), Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) and the Pacific Remote Island Areas (PRIA). Unless otherwise noted, all meetings will be in a hybrid format with in-person and remote participation (Webex) options available for the members and the public. All times listed are local island times. For more information on the virtual meeting connection and complete agendas, go to <www.wpcouncil.org/meetings-calendars>, email info@wpcouncil.org, fax (808) 522-8226 or phone (808) 522-8220.

Mariana Archipelago Fishery Ecosystem Plan (FEP)-CNMI Advisory Panel (AP)

BRI Building, Ste. 205, Kopa Di Oru St., Garapan, Saipan, CNMI

June 3 (Sat) 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (ChST)

Major agenda items: CNMI bottomfish annual catch limit (ACL) options for 2024-2025; 2022 Annual Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation (SAFE) Report review; Magnuson-Stevens Act (MSA) five-year research priorities review; AP project and activities review; and Fishermen observations and fishery issues and priorities.

Mariana Archipelago FEP-Guam AP

Cliff Pointe, 304 W. O'Brien Dr., Hagatña, Guam

June 8 (Th) 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. (ChST)

Major agenda items: Military mitigation plan discussion; 2022 Annual SAFE Report review; MSA five-year research priorities review; AP project and activities review; and Fishermen observations and fishery issues and priorities.

Fishery Data Collection and Research Committee (FDCRC)-Technical Committee

June 8 (Th) 1 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. (HST) (virtual only)

Major agenda items: Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP) Regional Implementation Plan review; Territorial Creel Survey Report review; and 2022 Annual SAFE Report review.

Hawaii Archipelago FEP AP

1164 Bishop Street, Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI

June 9 (F) 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (HST)

Major agenda items: Hawaii deep-set longline fishery final biop review; ACL specification for main Hawaiian Islands (MHI) Kona crab 2024-2026; Uku essential fish habitat (EFH) revision options; 2022 Annual SAFE Report review; MSA five-year research priorities review; and AP project and activities review; and Fishermen observations and fishery issues and priorities.

FDCRC

June 12 (M) 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. (HST) (virtual only)

Major agenda items: Council research priorities discussion; Territorial Creel Survey Report review; MRIP Regional Implementation Plan review; and Data sharing agreements discussion.

Non-Commercial Fishery Advisory Committee

June 13 (T) 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. (HST) (virtual only)

Major agenda items: Non-commercial data collection issues discussion on creel surveys, HI small-boat fishery plans, and the MRIP Regional Implementation Plan; NOAA socioeconomics project updates; and Offshore development issues review.

148th Scientific & Statistical Committee

1164 Bishop Street, Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI

Direct link to meeting: **<https://tinyurl.com/148SSCMtg>**. If prompted, password is SSC148mtg.

June 14 (T) 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (HST)
June 15 (W) 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (HST)
June 16 (Th) 9 a.m. to noon (HST)

Major agenda items: AS FEP amendment for bottomfish management unit species (BMUS) revision (action item); CNMI BMUS annual biological catch (ABC) specification for 2024-2025 (action item); MHI Kona crab ABC specification for 2024-2026 (action item); Uku EFH revision options (action item); False killer whale issues review; and 2022 Annual SAFE Report and recommendations review.

AS Standing Committee

Sadie's by the Sea Conference Rm., Utulei Beach, Route 1, Pago Pago, AS (in-person only)

June 22 (Th) 10 a.m. to noon. (SST)

Major agenda items: 2022 Annual SAFE Report review; AS bottomfish stock assessment report review and MUS revision; Equity and environmental justice (EEJ) discussion; AS sea turtle discussion; and Fagatele Marine and proposed PRIA national marine sanctuaries discussion.

Executive & Budget Standing Committee

Sadie's by the Sea Conference Rm., Utulei Beach, Route 1, Pago Pago, AS (in-person only)

June 23 (F) 10 a.m. to noon. (SST)

(*Note*: 11:30 a.m. to noon will be closed to the public for employment matters in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Act.)

Major agenda items: Financial and administrative matters; Pelagic research plan discussion; Council Coordination Committee meeting report; and Deputy director/senior staff meeting report.

AS Fishing Industry Advisory Committee

Tauese P. F. Sunia Ocean Center, Utulei, AS

June 23 (F) 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. (SST)

Major agenda items: Final HI deep-set and AS longline fishery biological opinions (BiOps) review; Proposed PRIA national marine sanctuary discussion; Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) tropical tuna workshop report; AS-based U.S. purse seine fishery updates; and AS longline fishery 2022-2023 performance, WCPFC South Pacific albacore fishery issues and impacts of reducing the AS Large Vessel Prohibited Area.

AS Regional Ecosystem Advisory Committee

Sadie's by the Sea Conference Rm., Utulei Beach, Route 1, Pago Pago, AS (in-person only)

June 23 (F) 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. (SST)

Major agenda items: AS fishery ecosystem issues discussion on climate change and fisheries, and bottomfish stock assessment and catch limits; and AS conservation issues discussion on sand mining, sharks, EEJ, proposed PRIA national marine sanctuary and fishery development updates.

AS Archipelago FEP AP

Flying Fox Gastropub, Pavaʻiaʻi, AS

June 24 (Sat) 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. (SST)

Major agenda items: AS bottomfish stock assessment report review and MUS revision; Final AS longline fishery BiOp review; 2022 Annual SAFE Report review; MSA five-year research priorities review; and Fishermen observations and AP fishery issues and priorities.

195th Council Meeting

Governor H. Rex Lee Auditorium (Fale Laumei), Utulei, AS

Direct link to meeting: **<https://tinyurl.com/195CouncilMtg>**. If prompted, password is CM195mtg.

June 27 (T) 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
June 28 (W) 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
June 29 (Th) 8:30 a.m. to noon (SST)

Major agenda items: AS FEP amendment for BMUS revision (action item); MHI Kona crab ACL specification and status determination criteria establishment (action items); Uku EFH revision options (action item); CNMI bottomfish ACL options (action item); Guam Marine Conservation Plan review (action item); Final HI deep-set and AS longline fishery BiOps and implementation plan review; 2022 Annual SAFE Report and recommendations review; and Research priorities and international fishery issues review.

Fishers Forum – Rising Tides and Changing Times: Climate Change in AS

Governor H. Rex Lee Auditorium (Fale Laumei), Utulei, AS

June 27 (T) 6 p.m. to 9p.m. (SST)

Large-Scale MPAs Have Limited Conservation Benefits for Pacific Tuna

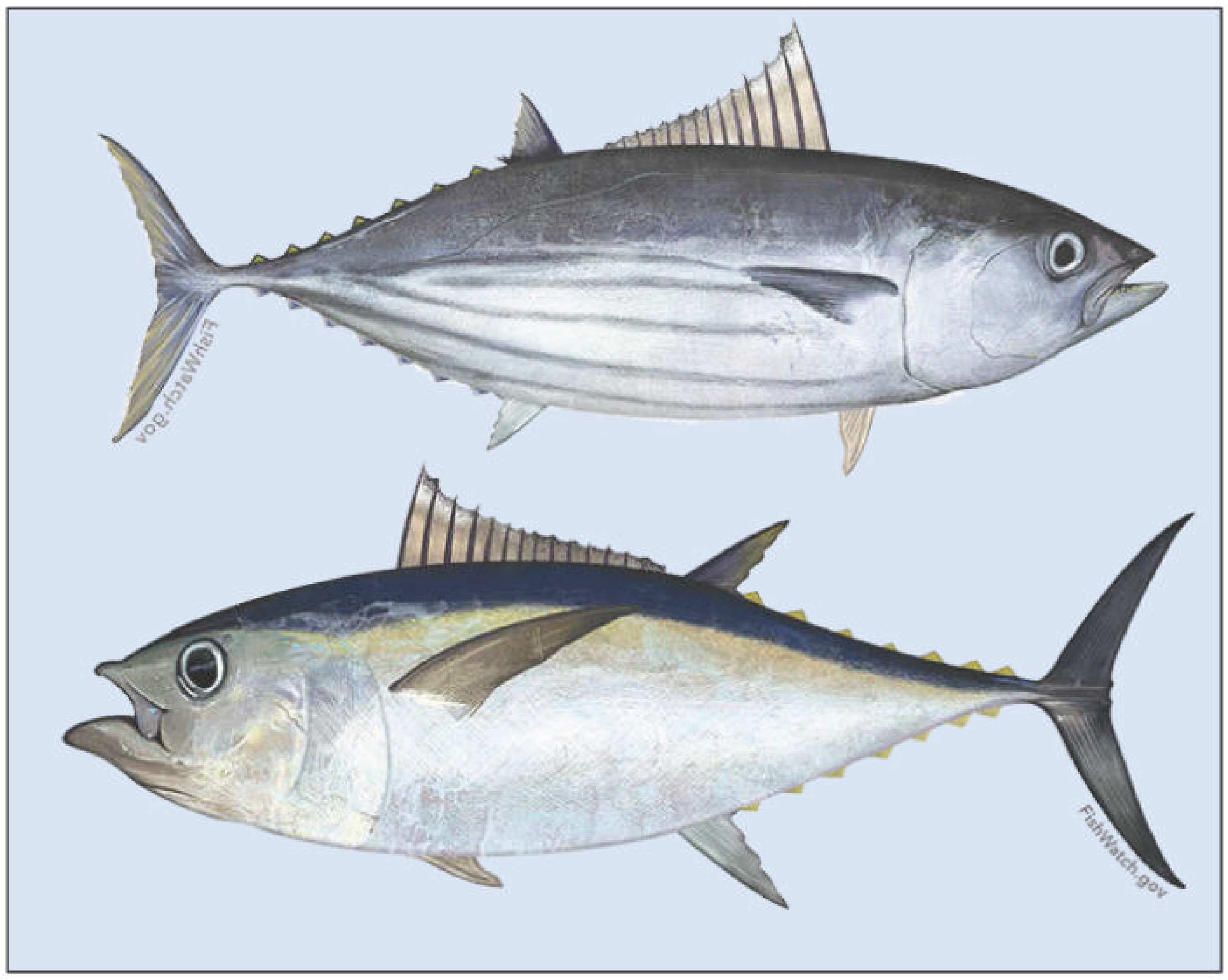
by Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council (WPRFMC)

■ A new comprehensive study found that the Phoenix Islands Protected Area (PIPA) and development of large static oceanic no-take marine protected areas (MPAs) in the tropical Pacific do not have discernible conservation benefits for Pacific skipjack and bigeye tuna, two of the most important tropical tuna species to U.S. fisheries.

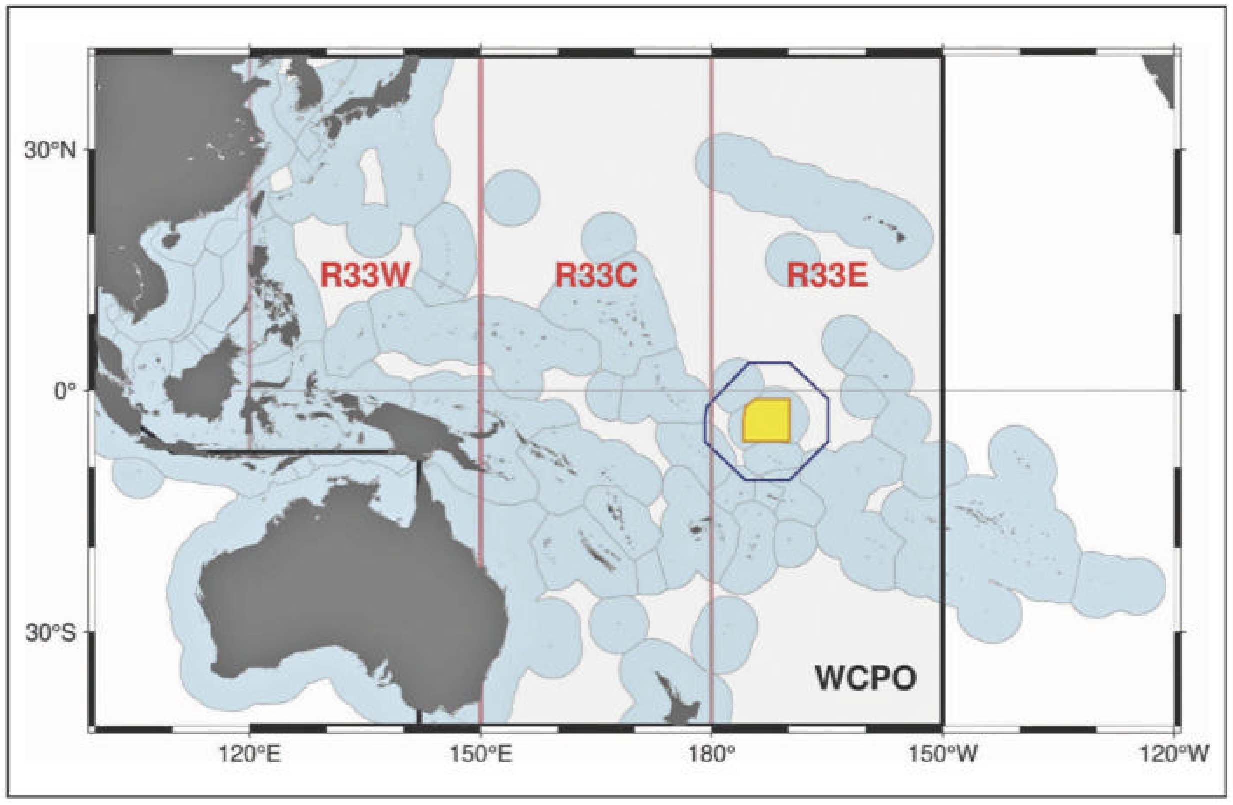
The study published in Frontiers in Marine Science was led by world-renowned tuna expert Dr. John Hampton of the Pacific Community (SPC) and a team of tuna scientists and oceanographers. It analyzed the efficacy of closing the PIPA on the conservation of tropical tunas since the area's prohibition of commercial fishing in 2015. The PIPA, a 408,250 sq km (more than 157,000 sq mi) UNESCO World Heritage Site located about halfway between Hawai'i and Fiji, was at one point the world's largest MPA.

The authors evaluated the estimated population and fishery changes for these two commercially important tunas in the PIPA and a series of large hypothetical MPAs, making up approximately 33% of the western and central Pacific Ocean under jurisdiction of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC).

"Skipjack and bigeye tuna have a wide distribution in tropical and sub-tropical waters of the Pacific, and are capable of spawning anywhere the water temperature is greater than about 25 °C," said Hampton. "Their larvae drift in the surface water currents, and as they grow, they are able to move widely throughout the region. So closing off one part of the area does not offer much, if any, protection to species like this." He added, "When areas like the PIPA are closed to fishing, we tend to see the vessels that would have fished there simply move their activities to adjacent areas, which again limits their conservation effectiveness."



Pacific skipjack tuna (top) and Pacific bigeye tuna. Credit: NOAA.



The western and central Pacific Ocean showing the exclusive economic zones of coastal States (light blue), PIPA (yellow) and the three large oceanic MPAs evaluated in the study.

Unlike the Papah'naumoku'kea Marine National Monument in the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands, the PIPA is in a known hotspot for tuna and has had significant historical exploitation by large industrial tuna fisheries. Purse seine fisheries operated in these waters targeting adult skipjack tuna, while incidentally catching juvenile bigeye tuna. Longline vessels also fished these waters catching adult bigeye tuna.

Skipjack tuna managed under the WCPFC account for 40% of global tuna supply and two-thirds of total tuna catch in the region, accounting for 3 million tons landed in 2019. Bigeye tuna is a longer-lived and larger tropical tuna, supporting much lower catches. The PIPA was established to be a reserve for spawning tunas and to replenish tuna stocks. Proponents for the PIPA thought that a theorized "spillover effect" from this MPA would have a significant conservation benefit, given the area's biological importance and historical fishing levels. However, this benefit was never realized, according to the study authors.

Ray Hilborn, Council Scientific and Statistical Committee member and professor at the University of Washington, who was not involved in the study, noted, "The experience with small coastal MPAs has been that they often see the abundance of targeted fish increase dramatically inside the MPA when those fish species are experiencing overfishing or have limited spatial range. However, Hampton et al. have demonstrated such MPAs do not increase populations for tropical tunas since they are not subject to the kind of overfishing seen in some coastal MPAs, and exhibit very high movement rates."

The authors also accounted for oceanographic impacts, known to be major drivers for tuna distributions, by using sophisticated modeling techniques. The authors estimated tuna stock abundance and then simulated their distributions, abundance, movement and mortality.

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Long-Scale MPA Study
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The model accounted for biological environmental forcing, including the impact of climate, such as El Niño and La Niña phases in the ocean. The authors were then able to see any possible changes in tuna abundance related to natural population fluctuations versus changes due to management interventions like closing the PIPA.

In November 2021, the Kiribati government announced it planned to lift prohibitions on commercial fishing in the PIPA effective January 2023.

Find the original scientific article at <http://journal.frontiersin.org/article/10.3389/fmars.2022.1060943/full>.

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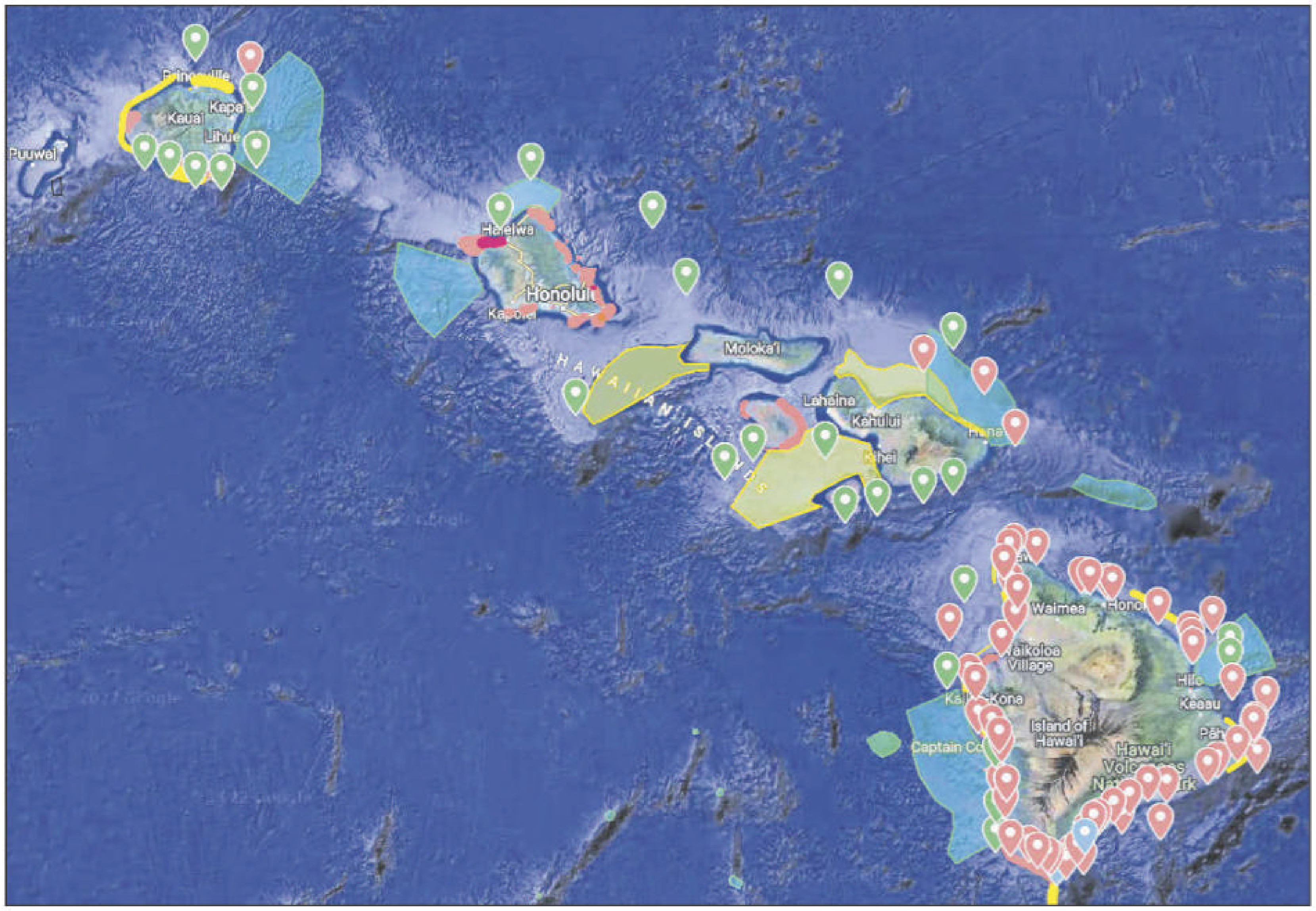
Fishery Advisory Panel Asks for Your Feedback for FishMaps Project

by WPRFMC Hawaii Advisory Panel

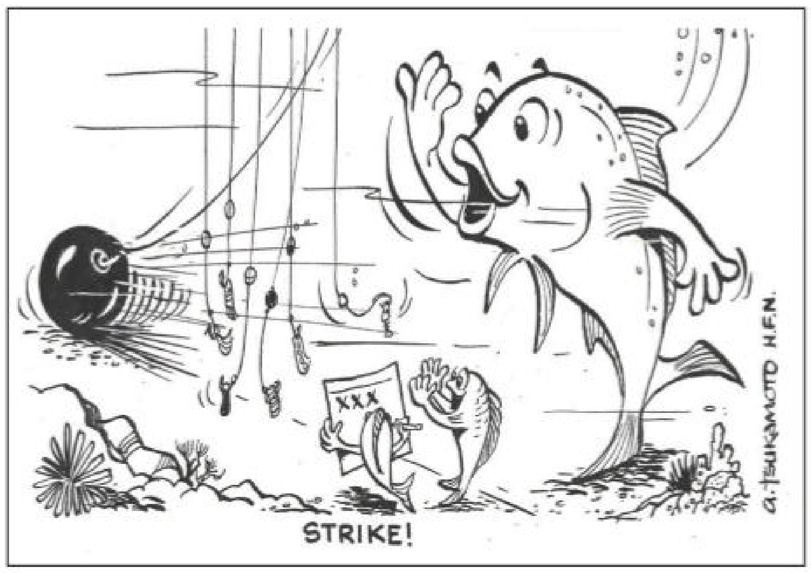


Draft layout of FishMaps with areas commonly used to fish for bottomfish (yellow), pelagic (green) and coral reef (red) species.

■ As COVID-19 restrictions ease, in-person fishing tournaments in Hawaiʻi have started up again. The Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council's Hawaiʻi Advisory Panel (AP) took advantage of this and developed a brief voluntary anonymous survey to take the pulse of the fishing community. Until mid-November 2022, there have been 37 responses (summarized below) gathered on Maui and the Big Island. Information was gathered on a range of topics including fishing koʻa, cultural take of honu (Hawaiian green sea turtle), fishing and access for the proposed Northwestern Hawaiian Islands (NWHI) national marine sanctuary, fishermen observations, data collection and other fishery issues.

With new ocean spatial management actions and development on the horizon potentially further closing off areas to fishing, the Hawaiʻi AP launched a participatory mapping project called "FishMaps" to characterize Hawaiʻi's fisheries.

The purpose was to document fishing koʻa (coral or traditional fishing areas) and other known fishing areas so that managers, developers and government agencies are alerted to the need to consult with fishermen.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Fishery Asks for Feedback
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When they were asked on the survey, 84% of the participants said they are willing to share general information on their fishing grounds for this purpose. The best way to protect their fishing koʻa is by respecting it by leaving it alone (no development) and through proper conservation and management (52%), by not tracking the area and not telling others (28%), or through size limits, more fish aggregating devices (FADs) and better enforcement (20%).

In light of the Native Hawaiian Gathering Rights Association's (NHGRA) call for a cultural take of honu, participants were asked about perceived green sea turtle population changes during their lifetime, and reasons to allow harvest (if any). The majority (73%) said they had observed an increase in the number of turtles, while 27% observed a decrease or no change. The AP was surprised to see that more than three out of four respondents said that people should not be allowed to harvest green sea turtles, while 73% said harvest should be allowed for cultural purposes and home consumption.

NOAA is in the process of designating a national marine sanctuary in the NWHI and the Council has the opportunity to develop fishing regulations that comply with the goals and objectives of the sanctuary. Survey participants noted several types of fishing that should be allowed in the NWHI, including for cultural fishing practices (23%), customary exchange (34%), sustainable commercial fishing (9%), noncommercial (14%), recreational (3%) and sustenance fishing (3%). Some participants (14%) said that only research fishing should be allowed in the proposed sanctuary. In November 2022, the Council held public meetings in Hawaiʻi to review fishing regulations for the NWHI Monument Expansion Area, adjacent to the Papahʻnaumokuʻkea Marine National Monument.

The Hawaiʻi AP recognizes that the Council is required to manage fisheries based on the best scientific information available, but is often faced with not having a complete dataset. Commercial fishers in Hawaiʻi are required to report their catch, but noncommercial fishermen are not. Most respondents were commercial or part-time commercial fishers (65%), with the remainder composed of recreational, subsistence, or traditional fishermen. The vast majority (82%) said they participate in two or more types of fishing (trolling, bottomfishing, shore casting, or spearfishing). Regarding data collection, 76% of noncommercial participants said they do not report their catch through an app like the Lokahi fishing app or Fishbox, nor do they keep a record of their catch. The AP continues to work on ways to improve the fishery data streams so that the Council is able to make sound management decisions that benefit the different sectors.

Hawaiʻi AP Vice Chair Gil Kualiʻi presents a raffle prize provided by a generous donor to survey participants at the August 2022 Hilo Trollers Tournament. Photo by Gil Kualiʻi.

While fishing data can quantify the amount of fish taken out of the ocean or how many people went fishing, it still may not explain why the data looks the way it does. The AP recognizes that fishers on the ocean can see what is happening at sea and they have valuable input to better explain the data, such as why fishers have not been fishing or why the catch of a species may be variable. The majority of the survey participants said they have observed a decrease in the quantity and size of their catch. They have also seen effects from climate change like increased storms and natural disasters. In addition to observations, participants also described problems they are facing such as a lack of FAD management, and issues with enforcement, boat ramp maintenance and under reporting. They saw a need to address unnecessary fishing regulations and enforce stricter penalties on those who break the law.

We still need more people to participate in this voluntary survey. If you are interested, please go to <https://forms.gle/zuhbkzJridmR2c7F7>. Contact AP Chair Clay Tam <hifish06@yahoo.com>, Hawaiʻi AP Vice Chair Gil Kualiʻi <fisha808@gmail.com>, or Council staff Zach Yamada <zach.yamada@wpcouncil.org> with questions.

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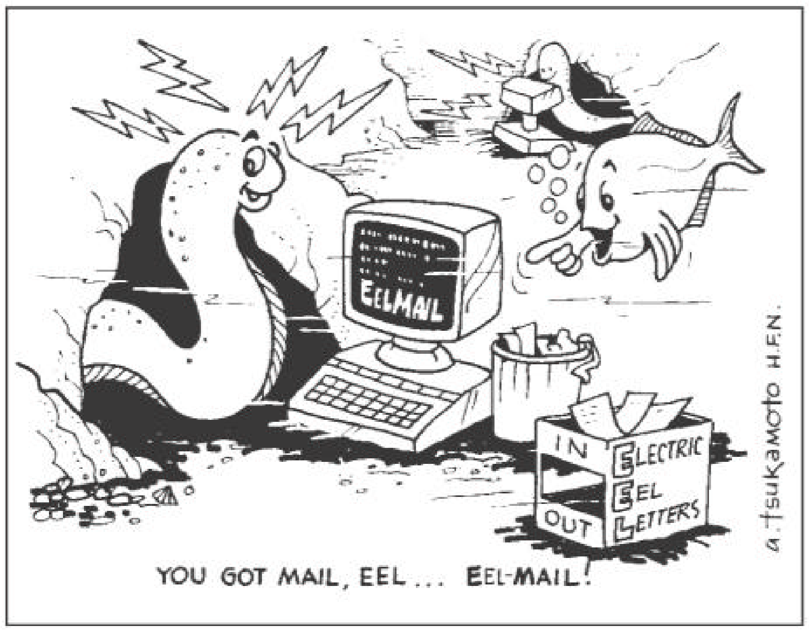


Take Our Survey too!

by HFACT

■ The Hawaii Fishermen's Alliance for Conservation and Tradition (HFACT) wishes to hear what concerns you most about Hawaii's fishery. We sponsored meetings across the state last fall and now we are using a survey to better advocate for Hawaii's fishers.

To get a copy of the survey emailed or sent to you diectly, contact Ed Watamura, HFACT's Executive Director at <watafishing@gmail.com>.

HFACT is a not-for-profit organization, that advocates for small boat and nearshore commercial, non-commercial and recreational fishermen throughout Hawaiʻi. HFACT board members sit on a number of federal fisheries management and endangered species advisory committees, as well as state marine and coastal zone advisory committees. HFACT is thoroughly familiar with, and participates in, ocean and marine resource management in Hawaiʻi and the central Pacific.

A major concern is that as DLNR continues to designate popular fishing areas as restricted, fishers will move to nonrestricted areas and crowd those areas, creating user conflicts. Additionally, the increased pressure in certain locations may harm fisheries and result in unintended consequences.

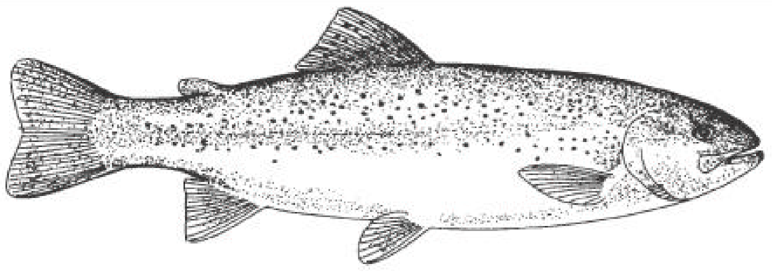
In general, HFACT and many fishers who already participated in public meetings last year, are concerned about increasing managed areas throughout the state, especially with the state plan to designate 30% of all state nearshore waters as managed areas in such a short period of time.

Considering that it took decades for the state to designate the current 6% of its waters as managed areas, adding 24% more in seven to eight years seems unrealistic. Prior designations of managed areas are seen as flawed and have not sufficiently included fishermen in the decisionmaking process. HFACT is skeptical that the state can do a good job between now and 2030. Some fishers who attended the fall meetings also questioned the effectiveness of the existing managed areas in improving fishing, thus adding even more areas would not have the intended outcomes.

What would you suggest that would improve the sustainability of Hawaii's Fisheries and their management? Please complete our brief survey and let us know. **. . . HFACT**

2023 Trout Season Opens

by DLNR



■ The Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) announced an open fishing season for rainbow trout in the Koke‘e Public Fishing Area (PFA) on Kaua‘i, beginning Saturday, June 17, 2023.

Anglers may fish daily from June 17, to September 30, 2023. Fishing hours will be from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Trout are found in streams and ditch systems within the PFA, but fishing success has been poor there due to discontinuation of stream stocking some years ago. Over 95% of the catch now occurs from the Pu‘u Lua Reservoir, where the stocking program continues.

Last year, 3,033 anglers caught 19,500 trout at the Pu‘u Lua reservoir. Trout fishing is expected to be successful this year because 25,800 young trout were stocked in the reservoir.

Anglers must have a valid State of Hawai‘i freshwater game fishing license. Licenses may be obtained at DLNR offices and license agents, or purchased online at <http://dlnr.hawaii.gov/dar/>.

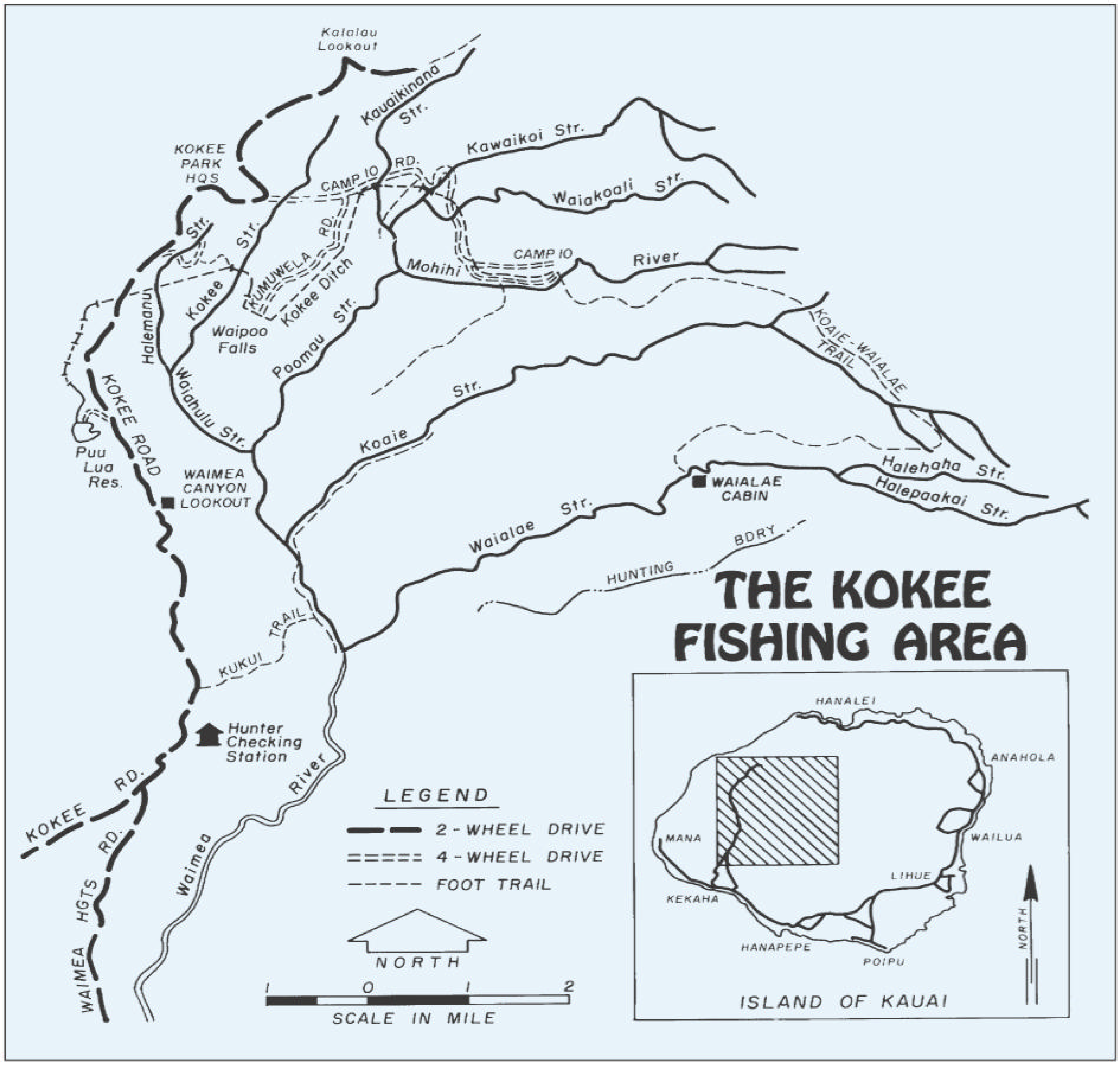
Bag Limit

Important: The daily bag limit for this year will be 10 rainbow trout per licensed angler. Catch-and-release fishing is prohibited; all trout caught must be retained by the angler and count towards their bag limit. Each angler may fish with only one line, with one single barbed hook (lure or baited). Use of treble hooks is prohibited. The launch or use of any vessel or floatable object, motorized, non-motorized, or wind-powered in Pu‘u Reservoir is prohibited.

No camping is permitted in the vicinity of the reservoir, and open fires are strictly prohibited due to risk of fire hazard. Pu‘u Lua reservoir is located within Hunting Unit J, therefore dogs are strictly prohibited, even if on leash. This is also for the courtesy and safety of fishers at the reservoir.

The complete rules on fishing for rainbow trout at Koke‘e PFA can be found on the Division of Aquatic Resources website listed above, or by calling your local DAR office.

Anglers are advised that four-wheel-drive vehicles are highly recommended for driving to all fishing areas, including Pu‘u Lua reservoir, the streams, and ditch systems. Road conditions quickly degrade with increased vehicle traffic during trout season. Generally, coming out is more difficult than going in. The reservoir is located on Ha‘ele‘ele Ridge Road, 3/4 mi from the turnoff at Mile Marker 12.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All anglers are required to check in and out at established check-in stations as follows:

1. Pu‘u Lua Reservoir’s two stations at the parking area and at the reservoir intake;

2. Koke‘e Park Headquarters for streams and the upper ditch systems with access through Camp 10 and Halemanu Roads; and

3. Trail 2 for the lower ditch systems. Due to road hazards and conditions, vehicle access to the lower ditch systems is prohibited. Access is by walk-in only.

For information or list of license agents, call the DLNR Div. of Aquatic Resources on O‘ahu at (808) 832-5009 or on Kaua‘i at (808) 274-3344.

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Hawaii Island Spring Turkey Hunt 2023

by Richard Hoeflinger

Spring Turkey Hunt Data 2015-2023

Year	Birds Taken	Hunter Trips	Birds/Trip	Trips/Bird
2015	51	279	0.18	5.47
2016	47	229	0.21	4.87
2017	43	258	0.17	6.00
2018	42	347	0.12	8.26
2019	35	438	0.08	12.51
2020	55	341	0.16	6.20
2021	41	369	0.11	9.00
2022	44	407	0.11	9.25
2023	54	351	0.15	6.50

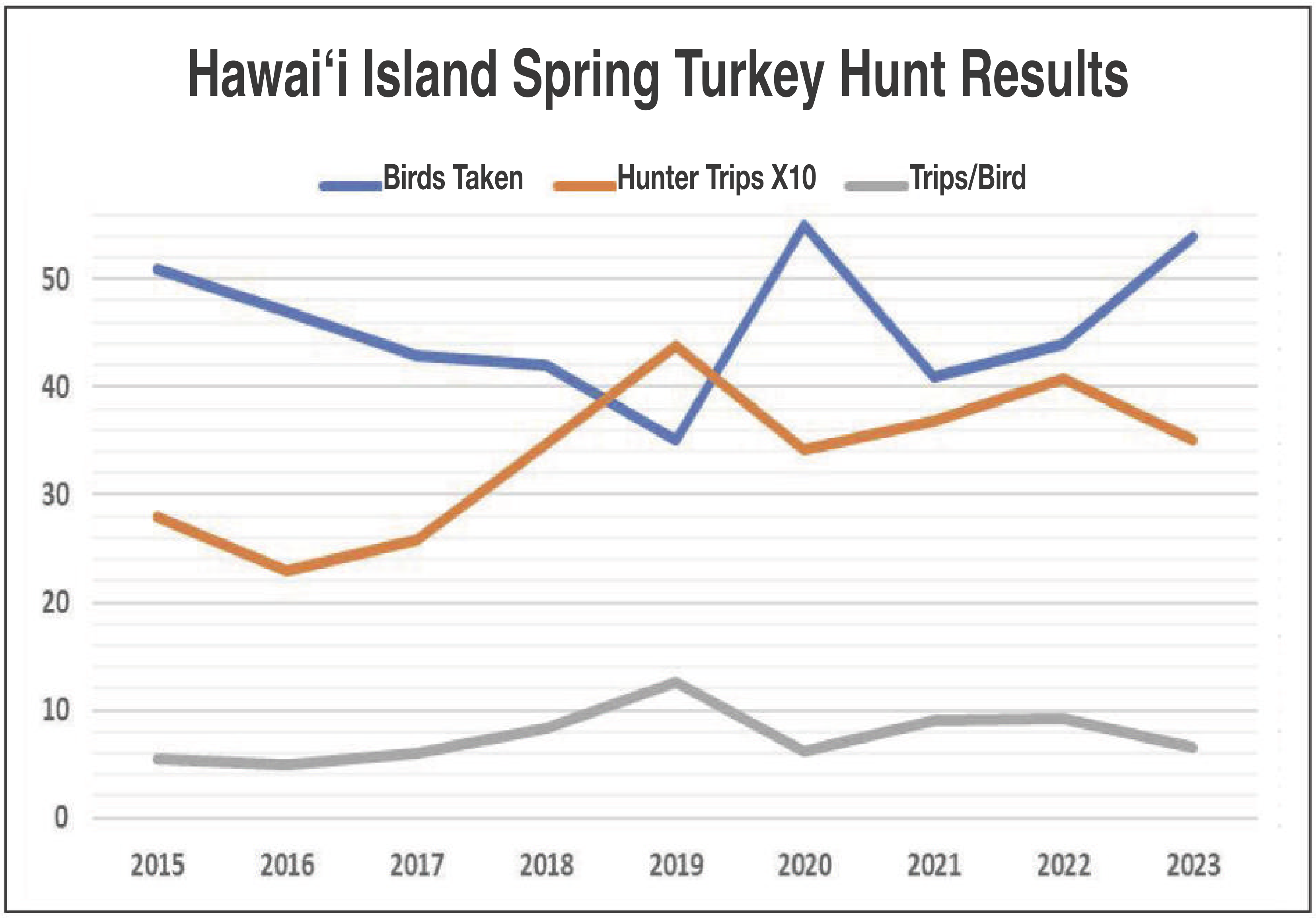

Chart incorporating the current season's results with those of the prior years.

■ The 45-day-long Hawaii Island Spring Turkey Hunting Season commenced on March 1 and closed April 15. It is a tagged hunt, i.e., a purchased turkey tag must be in possession while hunting and said tag must be affixed to any bird taken. A maximum of (3) non-transferable tags may be purchased seasonally at a cost of $5 each for Hawaii residents and $20 each for non-resident hunters.

The current seasonal hunting results compiled from hunter harvest reports submitted at the public hunting areas of Mauna Kea and Puu Waa Waa are up top, along with comparative values for the preceding 8 years. Seasonal hunter harvest success can be expressed as the average number of birds taken per hunting trip made, or since that value is fractional, as its reciprocal, the average number of hunting trips required to harvest a bird. As indicated in Figure 1, 2023 turkey hunters had an average harvest success rate of 15 %, or alternately expressed, it took an average of 6 ½ hunting trips to bag a bird.

Annual variances in turkey hunting statistics are better visualized in the graphical presentation, which indicates the 23 % upward tick in the number of birds taken over the previous year, in 14 % fewer hunter trips made. It will be interesting to see if those trends continue. As the chart suggests, overall hunter harvest success has remained relatively constant over the period indicated.

My personal experience observing the number of brightly colored Jeep Wrangler rental vehicles prowling the mountain and the many unfamiliar names appearing on the hunter "sign-in" forms, suggested a relatively large turnout of off-island turkey hunters. Sales data indicate 118 resident hunters bought 222 turkey tags, while 188 tags were purchased by 103 non-residents. Economically, those non-resident hunters contributed 77 % of the $4,870 total turkey tag sales revenue.

Best not to scratch their shiny cars. . . . **Richard**

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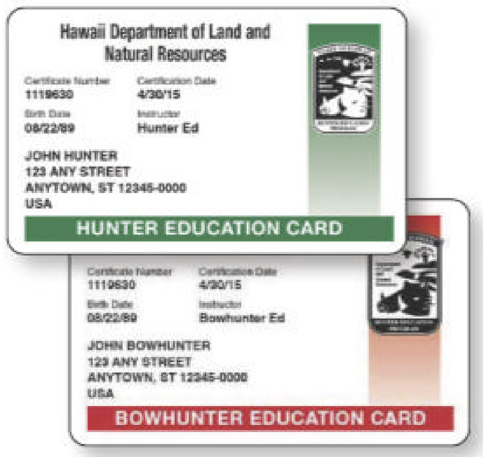
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Somethin' Fishy
Kidtime
adventure
by a.tsukamoto

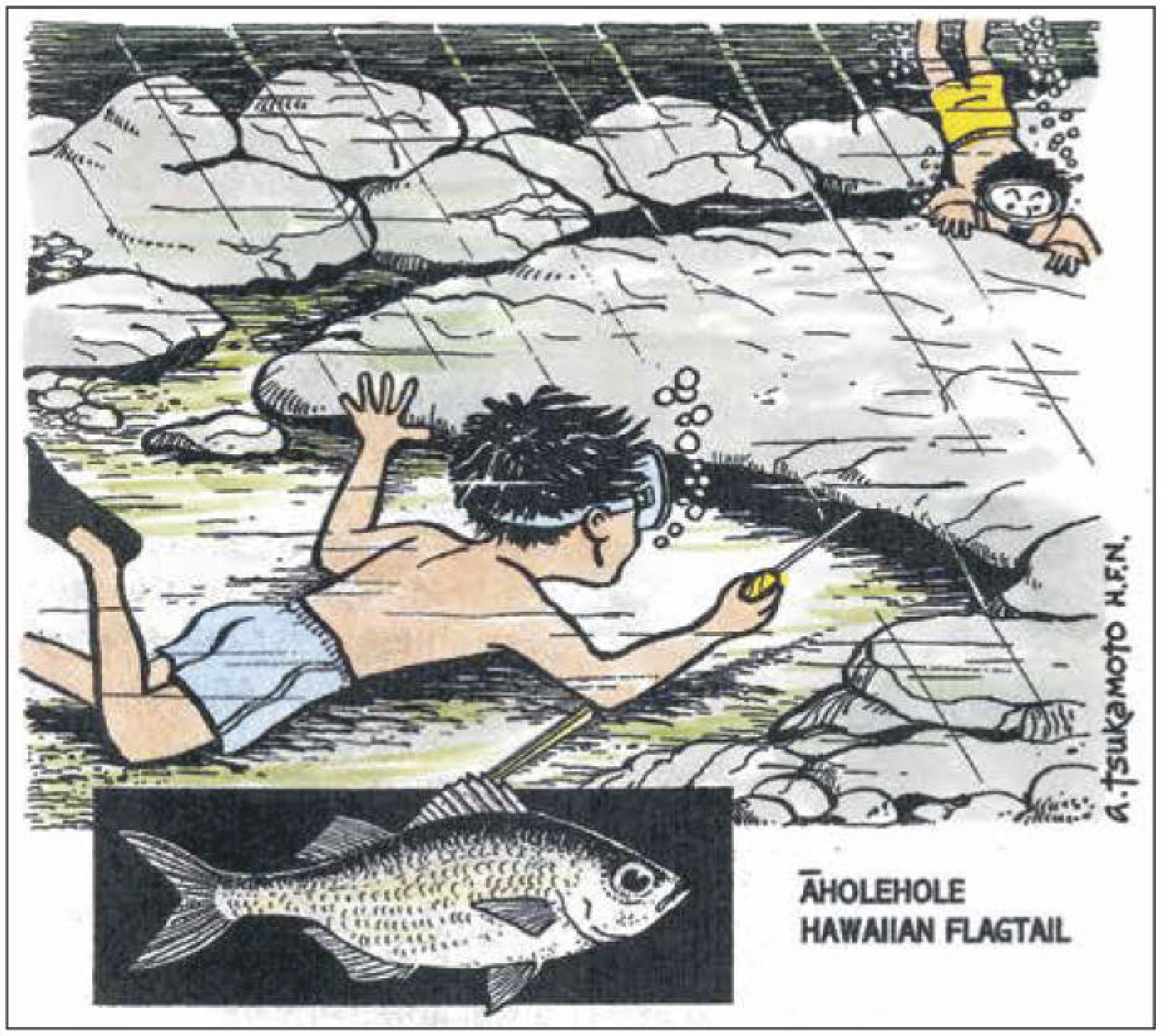
GOLDEN AHOLEHOLE

■ The plans were set. I was invited to join Doug, my high school classmate, and his diving partner to go spearing in the waters of the harbor after school.

Both Doug and his friend were experienced divers and members of the high school swim team. I was a newcomer to the team and my spearing experiences were limited to the safe and shallow waters of Waikiki Beach, so this would be something different.

It was a short ride from our Kalihi neighborhood to Sand Island Road and to their "secret" location. Our object was the deepwater aholehole.

The surface of the dark green water sparkled in the early afternoon sun as we prepared our equipment. They entered the warm water, and, with a bit of apprehension, I followed. Unlike the clear sandy bottoms of the beaches visibility was limited. I could not see the bottom as we headed out to this special location. Dark waters appeared all around as I followed the bubbling trail of divers ahead.



We swam about 100 feet offshore. There, beneath the surface, about 10 to 12 feet deep and exposed by the rays of the afternoon sun, were huge, various-shaped boulders of basalt (lava) that created an unusual seascape.

After a few minutes of checking out the area, Doug and his partner located their "spot." With the fish bag's float suspended on the surface, I watched the two divers approach an enormous slab-shaped boulder, 10 to 12 feet across, resting on the bottom and tilted just enough to create a sheltered habitat for aholehole.

Doug positioned himself, lying flat on the bottom, on the side with the opening. The crevice was eight to ten inches high, and it tapered away into the deep recesses of the rock formation. Doug's partner, on the opposite side of the opening, created a commotion. That caused the school of aholehole to move away and shift closer toward the open half of the shelter and within range of Doug's spear.

"Swish!" Out came a struggling aholehole at the end of the spear. Quickly surfacing and depositing his catch into the fish bag, Doug returned to the bottom and switched places with his partner. Again a catch was made as the tactics proved successful.

It was my turn. Getting to the bottom, into position and holding my breath proved to be difficult. With great excitement, I situated myself to catch a glimpse of the huge school of adult-sized aholehole, seven to eight inches long, silver with a tinge of golden-yellow on the sides. My experience with aholehole had been with juveniles, so these were "monstrous!"

Twice I surfaced as I ran out of air while waiting for the school to drift in my direction.

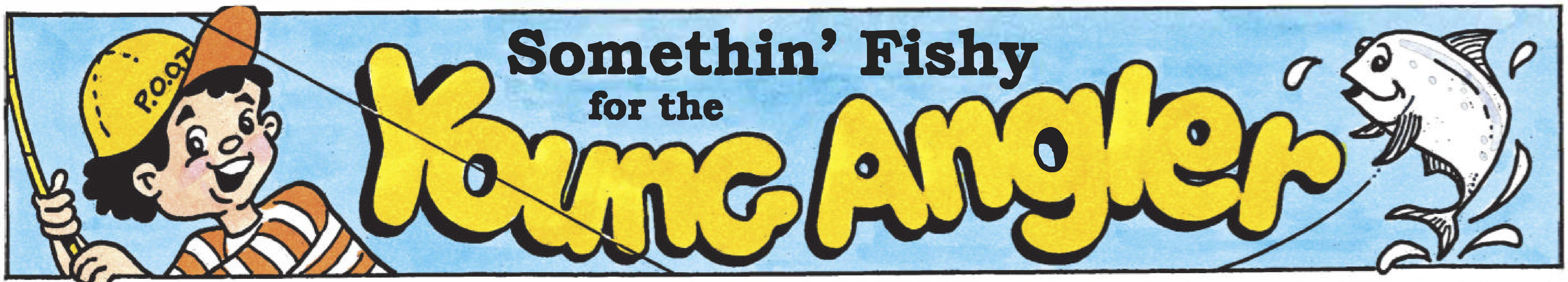
The impact of hitting the target would prevent a spear from being lost in the low, tapering crevice of this deep rock formation. Extra care had to be taken.

I descended again, determined to get my shot. I struggled to settle into the right position — then waited. With my supply of air running out, the school of these large-eyed fish that created a wall of flashing silver drifted ever so slightly in my direction. I thought I should be able to hit one, if not the one behind, as the thick school idly swayed in the dimly lit shelter.

I squeezed the trigger. Missed! I heard the "clink, clink, clink" of my spear bouncing along the bottom as it disappeared into the deep darkness.

Without my spear, I ended up being the bag boy, treading water and following the action by being in position to receive the speared specimens as the divers surfaced.

It was a new and great experience diving in the deep, dark waters of the harbor. Although my score was zero fish and minus one spear, I was able to share in the catch and bring home a couple of the prized golden aholehole.



Somethin' Fishy for the Young Angler

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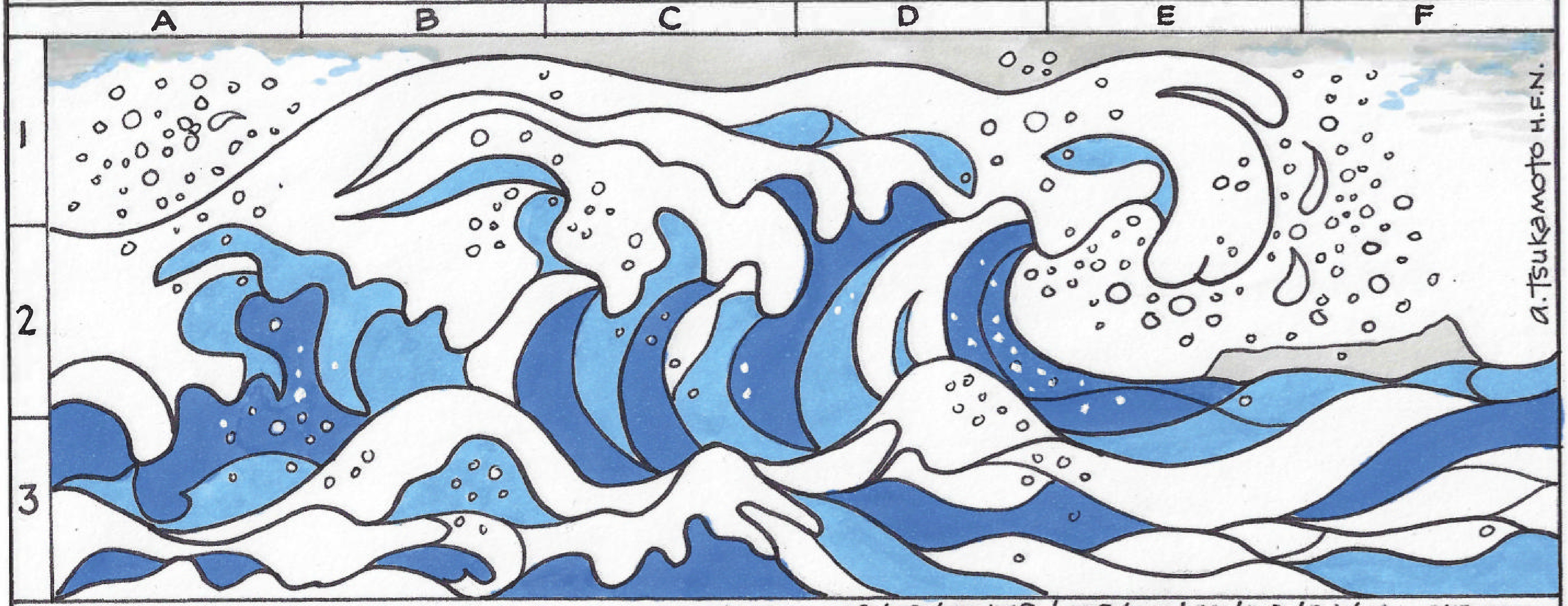
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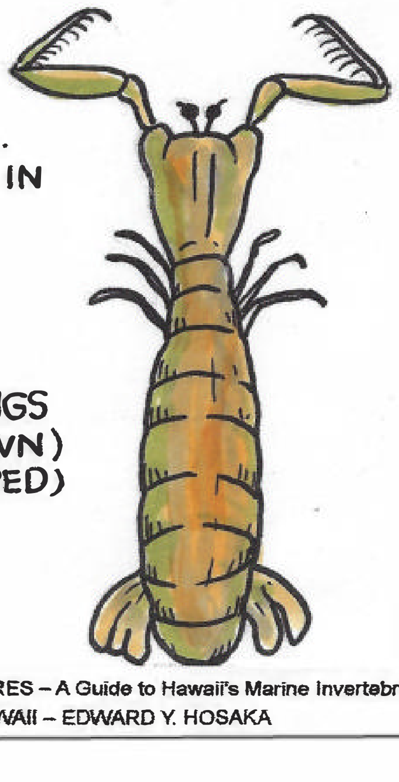

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COLOR: MATCH THEIR SURROUNDINGS (GREEN, TAN, BROWN) MOTTLED OR STRIPED)

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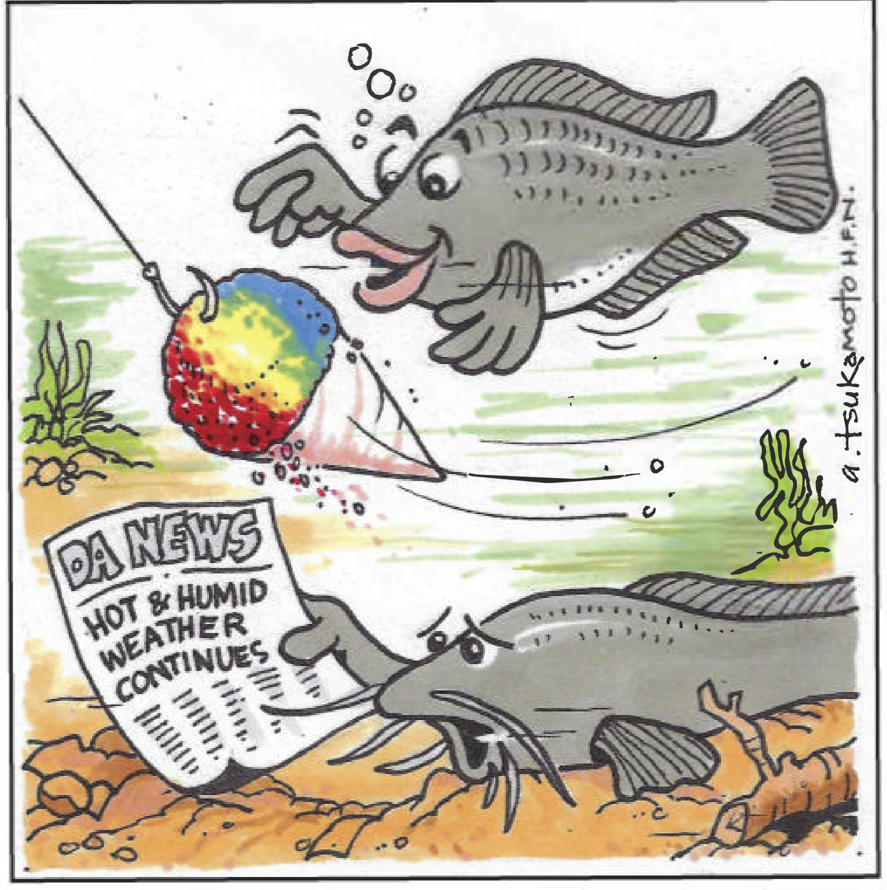
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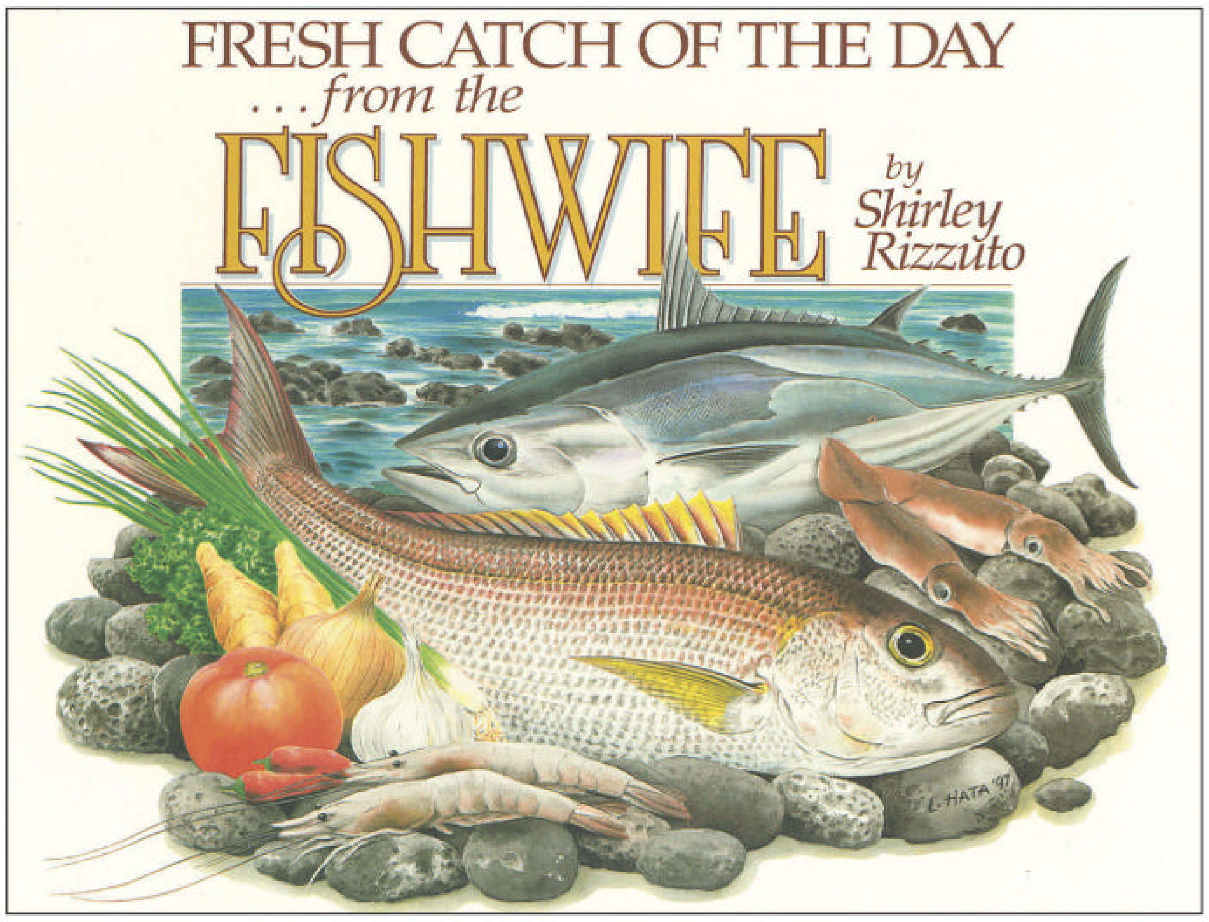


‘Oama and Hahalalu

Young Goat Fish & Young Big-Eyed Scad

■ There are no hard, fast rules for the preparation of ‘oama and hahalalu. Some cooks scale them, others don’t; some cut the heads off, others don’t; some debone them, others don’t; some gut the fish, and the more adventurous say they don’t. Cooks do agree on one thing: because the fish are so small, the easiest, no fuss way to prepare them is to fry them ‘til crispy-skinned and then serve.

Silver-skinned ‘oama and hahalalu are the babies, or fingerlings, of weke and akule respectively. Most are the length of your finger or, at best, a dollar bill. Plentiful in the late summer and early fall, ‘oama provide hours of recreation for bamboo fisherman of all ages who stand knee-deep in water to hook fish. Hahalalu are caught from shore in harbors and bays.

If you are game to try a cooking method other than frying, consider butterflying the fish and threading them on skewers to barbecue, or try braising them whole in a spicy sauce. However you cook them, be sure you have enough, perhaps 10 per person, depending on the appetites you’re serving.

Braised Fish Teriyaki

Ingredients

1½ pounds whole ‘oama or halalalu, cleaned
Teriyaki Sauce

Preparation

Pour the Teriyaki Sauce into a sauce pan large enough to hold the fish. Bring to a boil. Add fish, and simmer until done. The amount of time will depend on the thickness of your fish. Tilt the pan from time to time to be sure the fish are coated with the sauce.

Remove fish to a serving dish. If you wish, pour some of the braising liquid over the fish before serving. SERVES 2-4.

Teriyaki Sauce

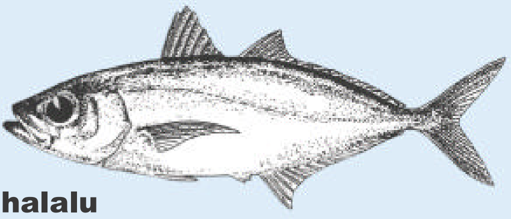
Try this as a marinade or braising liquid for ‘ahi, aku, and other strong-flavored fish.

Ingredients

⅓ cup shoyu
2 tablespoons sugar
1 tablespoon sake
½ cup water
2 tablespoons shredded ginger root

Preparation

Boil the shoyu, sugar, sake and water together in a saucepan. Add the ginger, and then simmer. To use as a marinade, cooking is not necessary. MAKES 1 ¼ CUPS.



Hahalalu

Becky’s Small Fish Broil

Ingredients

2 pounds whole ‘oama or hahalalu
Becky’s Marinade

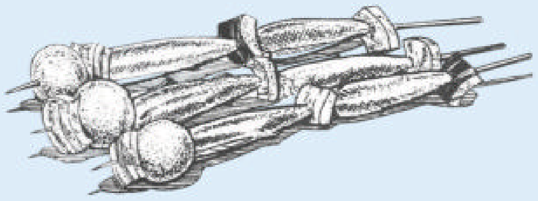
Preparation

Clean and butterfly fish. If you wish, you may also debone fish. Marinate for 30 minutes in Becky’s Marinade.

Broil close to heat for 5 minutes or until fish is done. There is no need to turn fish in oven.

Variation

If you want to try this recipe with a hibachi, thread the fish on skewers as you would teriyaki meatsticks. This will allow you to turn the fish easily. SERVES 2-4.



Becky’s Marinade

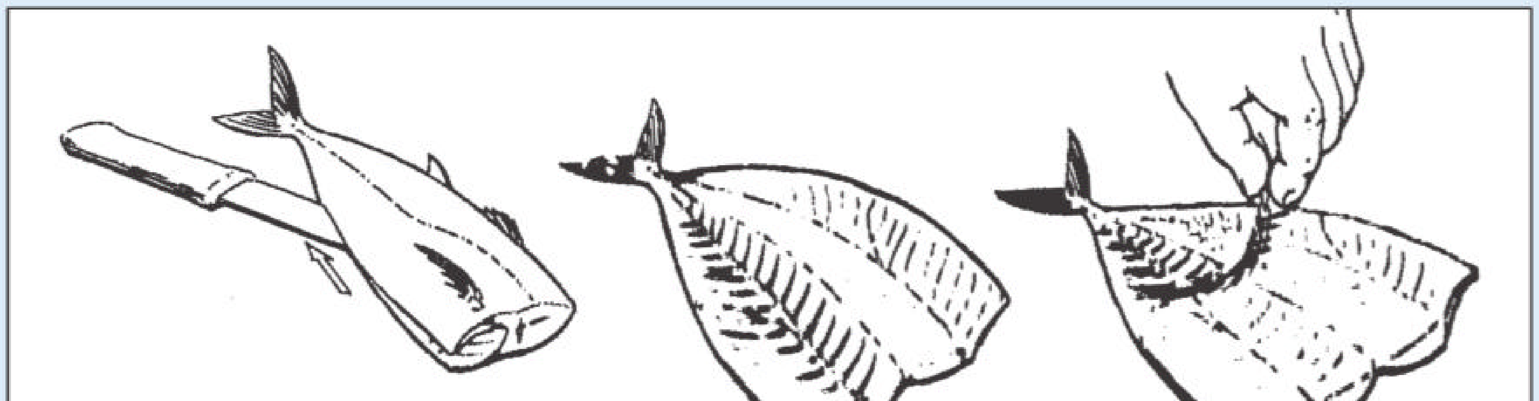
This sauce is good with white-meat fish broiled on the coals or in the oven. It is also good with shrimp.

Ingredients

1 teaspoon dry mustard
½ cup oil
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon dry basil
½ cup choppped parsley
Juice from 1 lemon
3 cloves garlic, minced

Preparation

Put mustard in a small bowl, and mix in enough oil to make a smooth paste. This will keep the mustard from being lumpy. Then add the rest of the oil and all the remianing ingredients, and stir to keep mixture smooth. MAKES ¾ CUP.



Deboning Small Fish

To debone small fish, clean and gut the fish, cut off its head, and slit the body from the belly to the tail end. Flatten the fish a bit to force one line of bones to pull away from the flesh. Then holding the fish, flesh side up, lift out the backbone and attached small bones, startling at the head end.

Holoholo Style

For letters, with photos, received during JUNE we will send you a NEW SURPRISE gift made especially for HFN — our way of saying "thanks for sharing your catch!" . . . **Hana pa'a, Carrie**

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Aloha!

My uncle, Dad, and I decided to take a chance on a windy day and go spearfishing! We ended up fighting some mean current but on our first dive, my uncle shot his nice omilu. His shaft had bent a little and he asked me if I wanted to use his gun and try for an ulua. I took the opportunity and was lucky enough to spot three uluas in a cave. I took my shot on the first one that gave me a chance. It was such a cool experience and the fact that we ended up with such quality fish on a windy day was amazing! My family made some delicious tempura with it afterward!

Thank you to everyone and especially HFN who has supported me through my spearfishing journey!

Mahalo,
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Aloha Carrie,

We just got back from Christmas Island and the fishing was great. Since it was closed for three years, the bonefish were big and hungry. My good friend Ron Doebler got a 30-lb ulua on his first cast!

The locals survived on mullet and milkfish so the flats were filled with only bones. The blue water fishing was terrible with 8 fishing factory ships at anchor, so no ahi or ono. But the bottom fish jigging action was incredible, with a tasty fish on almost every drop. We stayed at the Lagoon View and the food and staff were also great.

Nice to get back on the flats and have bones that like to eat.

Don Memmer
Hilo, Hawaii

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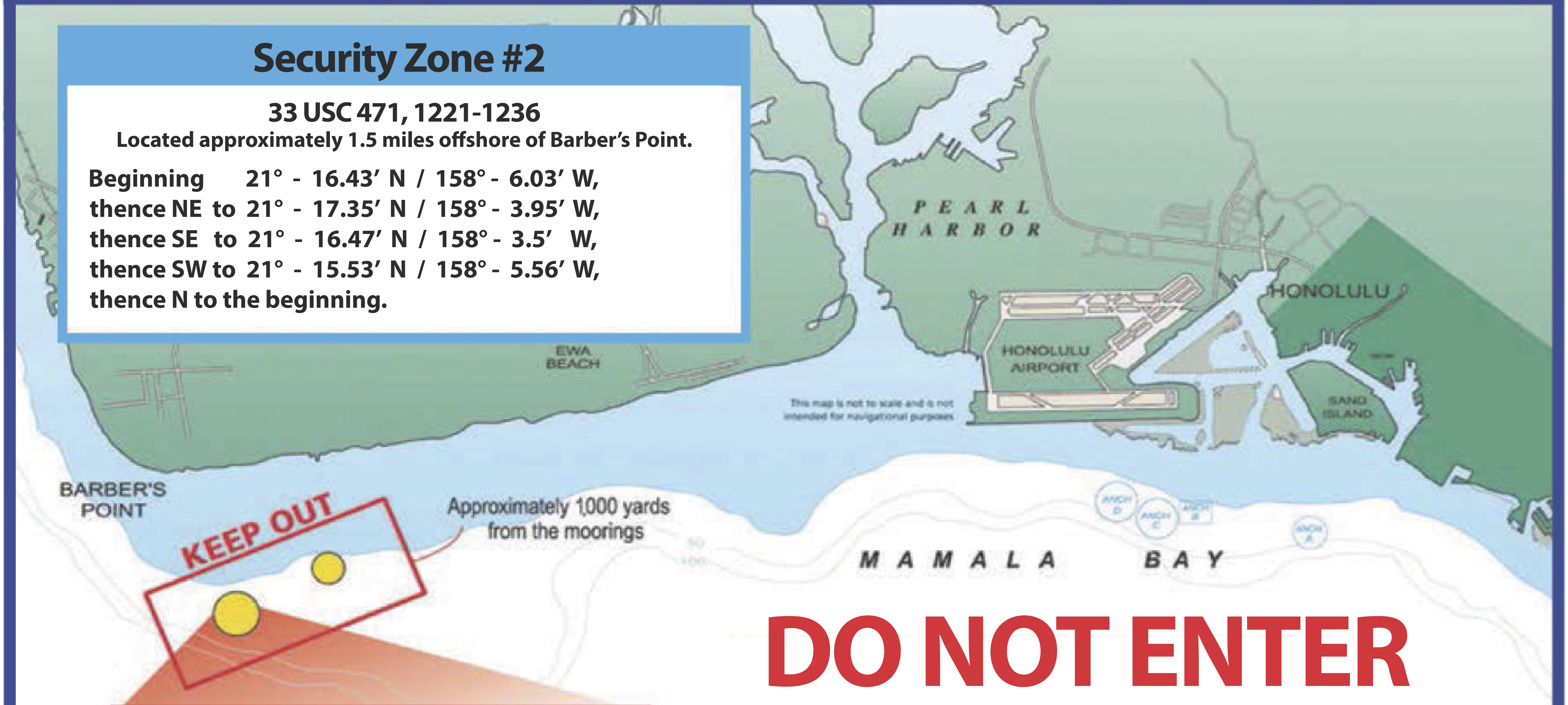
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HAWAII FISHING NEWS JUNE 2023 FISHING ALMANAC & TIDES

■ The weather outlook in Hawaiian waters for June is good except for gusty trade winds and higher-than-normal southerly waves and surf. It is unlikely that strong Kona winds, thunderstorms and heavy rain will occur. Although it is possible for a tropical storm to appear in Hawai'i waters as the warmer months approach, the odds are against it.

Gusty trades have made their presence felt since March and are expected to continue in June. With trades on almost all the days of the month, gusty trades are expected on five to 10 days. Their occurrence may be more frequent if this pattern for stronger trades persists into June. Surface water conditions, especially in the major channels between islands open to the trade wind direction, become rough and can be hazardous for boaters.

FISHING FORECAST

OFFSHORE WATERS
'AHI—BIGEYE TUNA
AKU—STRIPED TUNA
A'U—PACIFIC BLUE MARLIN
HEBI—SHORTBILL SPEARFISH
ONO—WAHOO
BOTTOMFISH
BUTAGUCHI—TREVALLY
UKU—GRAY SNAPPER
COASTAL WATERS
AKULE—BIGEYE SCAD
INSHORE WATERS
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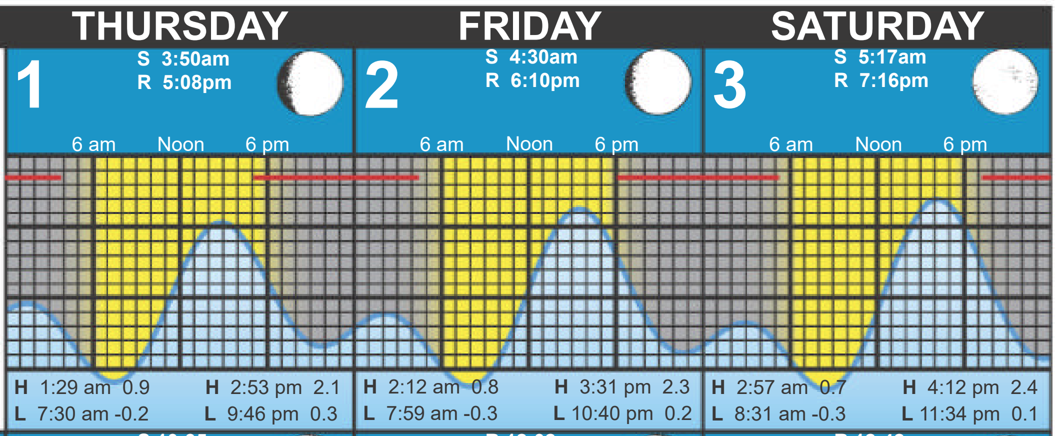

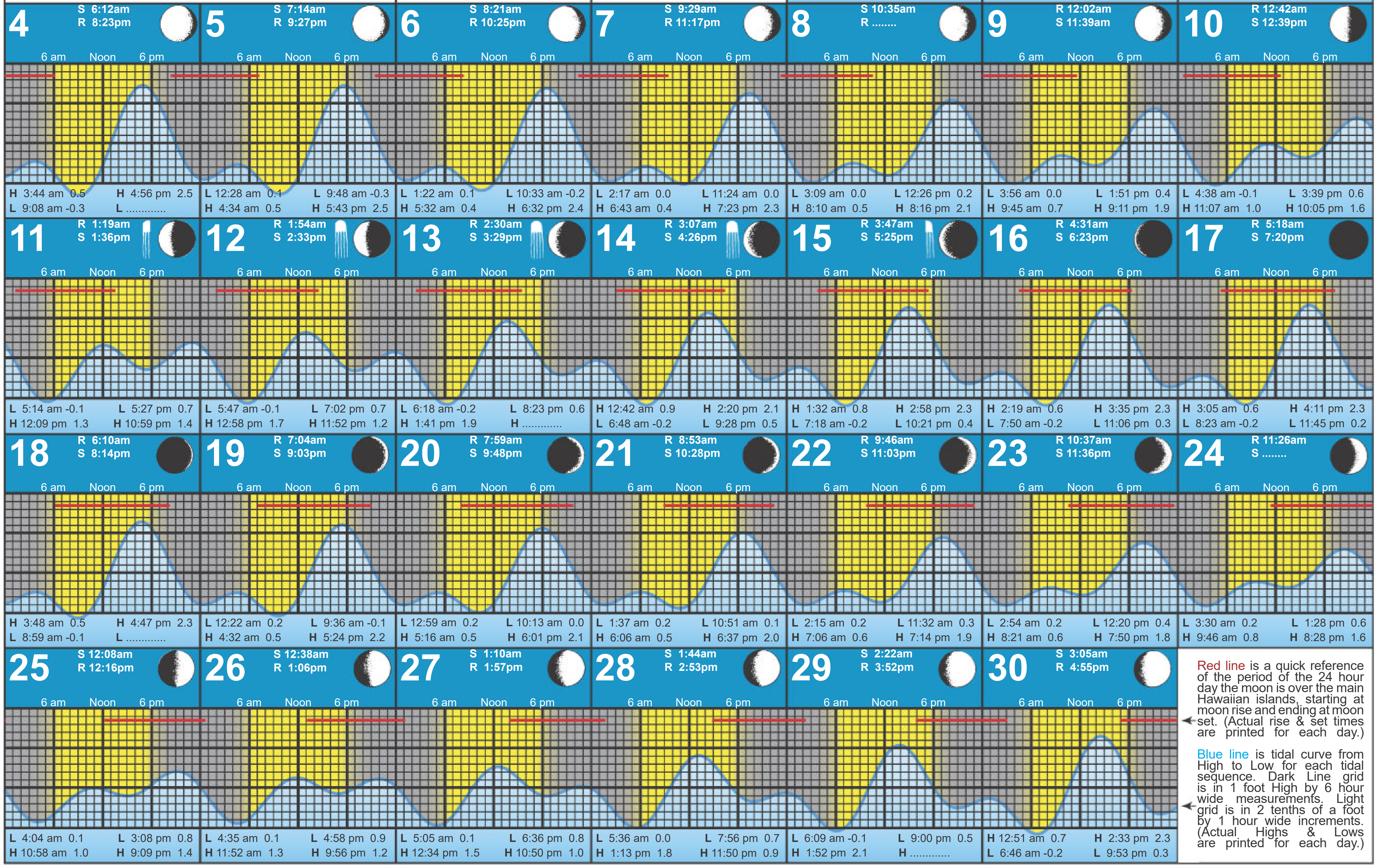

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Red line is a quick reference of the period of the 24 hour day the moon is over the main Hawaiian islands, starting at moon rise and ending at moon set. (Actual rise & set times are printed for each day.)

Blue line is tidal curve from High to Low for each tidal sequence. Dark Line grid is in 1 foot High by 6 hour wide measurements. Light grid is in 2 tenths of a foot by 1 hour wide increments. (Actual Highs & Lows are printed for each day.)

June 1 - Sunrise: 5:49 am, Sunset: 7:10 pm · June 15 - Sunrise: 5:49 am, Sunset: 7:15 pm · June 30 - Sunrise: 5:53 am, Sunset: 7:17 pm

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FISHING FADS MONTHLY UPDATE

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RECENTLY DEPLOYED
BB, BO, C, CK, D, DD, DK, E, F, GG, HS, II, J, JJ, K, KH, LL, M, MC, MM, N, NL, OT, PP, R, SO, T, TT, U, UU, V, VV, WK, XX, ZZ

MISSING FADS

MAUI
CC, FF, HO, Q

OAHU
CO, HH, P, S, X

HAWAII
A, B, G, HK, RN, SS

KAUAI
AA, EK, KK, Z

DISCONTINUED:
HAWAII QQ, **MAUI** LA

FOR THE NEWEST UPDATE:
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TIDE VARIATIONS FROM HONOLULU TIMES LISTED

TO DETERMINE THE TIME OF THE HIGH AND LOW TIDES FOR THE FOLLOWING PLACES, (+) ADD OR (-) SUBTRACT HOURS AND MINUTES FROM HONOLULU TIME LISTED.

OAHU ISLAND	HIGH	LOW
HALEIWA	-1:04	-2:08
WAIALUA BAY	-1:04	-2:08
WAIANAE	+0:18	+0:15
HANAUMA BAY	-1:01	-0:48
WAIMANALO	-1:17	-1:12
MOKU O LOE	-1:26	-1:17
WAIKANE,	-1:48	-1:21
KANEOHE BAY	-1:48	-1:21
LAIE BAY	-1:47	-1:49

NIIHAU ISLAND.........-0:18-........0:14

LANAI ISLAND	HIGH	LOW
LANAI	+0:00	+0:00

MOLOKAI ISLAND		
KOLO	+0:03	+0:02
KAUNAKAKAI	-0:07	-0:11
KAMALO HARBOR	-0:39	-0:19
PUKOO HARBOR	-1:05	-0:51

KAHOOLAWE ISLAND		
KUHEIA BAY	-0:11	-0:12
SMUGGLER COVE	-0:17	+0:00

HAWAII ISLAND	HIGH	LOW
MAHUKONA	-0:28	-0:20
KAWAIHAE	-0:06	-0:06
KAILUA-KONA	-0:28	-0:25
NAPOOPOO, KEALAKEKUA BAY	-0:18	-0:15
HONUAPO	-0:28	-0:19
HILO	-1:01	-0:58

KAUAI ISLAND		
WAIMEA BAY	-0:22	-0:10
PORT ALLEN	-0:38	-0:25
HANAPEPE BAY	-0:38	-0:25

KAUAI ISLAND (CONT)	HIGH	LOW
NAWILIWILI BAY	-0:34	-0:29
HANAMAULU BAY	-0:19	-0:24
HANALEI BAY	-1:30	-1:50

MAUI ISLAND		
KAHULUI	-1:53	-1:42
HANA	-1:15	-1:26
MAKENA	-0:34	-0:35
KIHEI, MAALAEA BAY	-0:03	-0:25
LAHAINA	-0:37	-0:43

PACIFIC RIM	HIGH	LOW
JOHNSTON ISLAND	+1:30	+1:28
MIDWAY ISLANDS	+0:10	+0:06
LAYSAN ISLAND	+1:00	+1:09
FRENCH FRIGATE SHOALS	+0:01	+0:05
PALMYRA ISLAND	+1:19	+1:13
CHRISTMAS ISLAND	+0:49	+0:39
FANNING ISLAND	+2:38	+2:39

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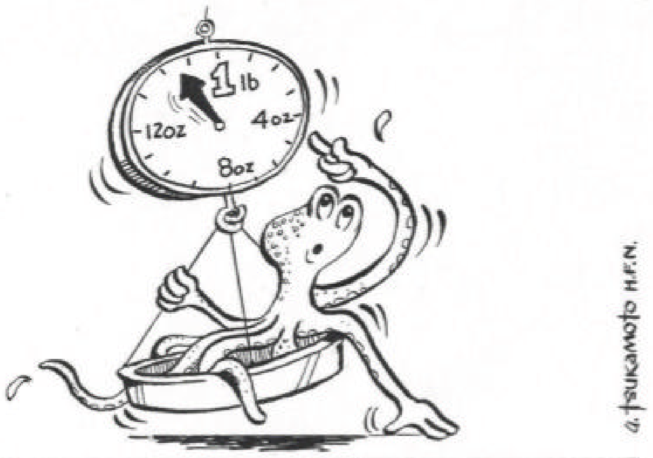

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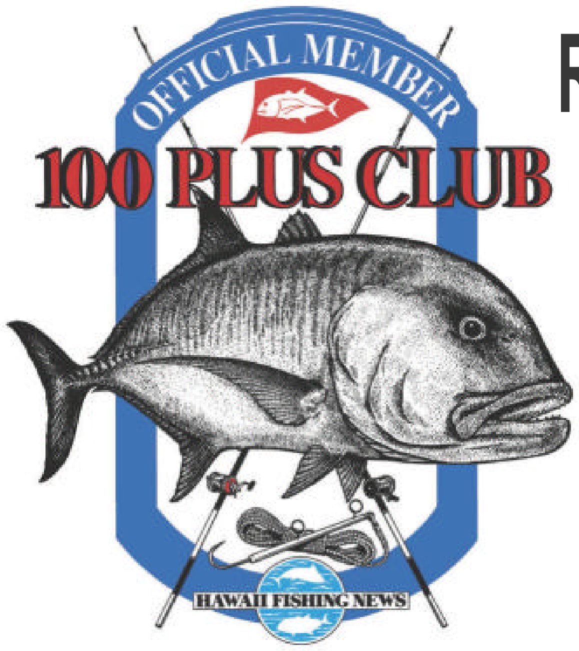

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